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# Annual Report for 2019

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Steve Brennan, Junior Warden  
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Jim Barnett, Clerk

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Phil Graham  
Cory Greene  
Luke Morgan  
Rex Pingle  
Richard Schwappach  
Al Todd  
Sarah Westcott  
Brian Williams



## *Mission of St. Margaret's:*

*Transforming lives in  
Christ through  
Worship,  
Formation,  
and  
Giving.*

539 fans on our Facebook public page  
[www.facebook.com/pages/smcannapolis](http://www.facebook.com/pages/smcannapolis)  
Livestreaming Sunday morning services  
Avg. views: 120

376 members of our Facebook private group  
[www.facebook.com/group/smcannapolis](http://www.facebook.com/group/smcannapolis)

119 subscribers on YouTube Channel  
"Saint Margaret" Channel  
42,805 views

2,019 tweets on our Twitter Account  
[www.twitter.com/SMCAnnapolis](http://www.twitter.com/SMCAnnapolis)  
581 followers

**We will never change the world  
by GOING to church.  
We can only save the world  
by BEING the church.  
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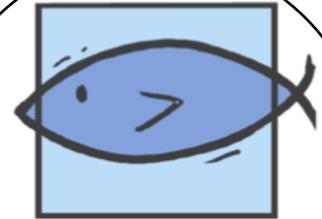


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# Minutes from Annual Meeting 2019

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1. The Rev. Peter Mayer opened the Annual Meeting with a prayer at 12:50 pm.
2. **Election of Secretary:** Jim Barnett, Clerk, was nominated and elected to serve as Secretary for the 2019 Annual Meeting. **Motion to approve – Unanimous.**
3. **Approval of the Minutes** from January 28, 2018 – As contained in the Annual Meeting Report for 2018 with one minor change. **Motion to approve – Unanimous.**
4. **Election of Tellers:** Kathy Polk. **Motion to approve – Unanimous.**
5. **Election of New Vestry Members:** Stacia Bontempo, Cory Greene, Luke Morgan, and Barbara Friedman. Because the candidates were running unopposed, there was a **Motion to accept by acclamation – Approved Unanimously.**
6. **A video of the “Life of St Margaret’s”** was presented by Laura Tayman. The video was very much appreciated by the Congregation.

The Rector then covered several topics of interest:

The Formation Ministry has seen a large uptick in volunteer participation. This is very appreciated. By bringing in more children to Godly Play, we are setting the foundation for their continued spiritual growth as well as encouraging sustaining participation in St Margaret’s. The Summer Vacation Bible School went very well and will be replicated next summer. This ministry reaches out beyond our congregation to reflect our values to our neighborhood. It was also an excellent opportunity for our Day School Staff to support the Church in collaboration for a successful event.

Thanks to Jeff Conover who has done so much for our youth. We need to thank him when we see him. SMC is actively looking for another part time hire to work with Jeff and Patti with younger children.

The Mission Ministry has continued to excel. The Grants program under Izzy Winn has extended our impact to a global scale. The mission to Tanzania and continuing outreach to the Dageno Girls is one example and its Safarito Tanzania this summer is full. SMC continues to inspire on a global basis.

We continue to work with the Light House shelter both on a financial basis and an individual basis.

Winter Relief will be sponsored by SMC again this March. We are looking for volunteers.

The newly formed “Ice Ministry” changed many lives in our community by delivering ice to lesser served members of our community. This will reinitiate this summer.

The Vestry continues to review our membership in the Anne Arundel Connecting Together (ACT). It is a faith-based community whose work in six issue areas is consistent with our Parish. There is a cost and individual participation overhead that needs full discernment.

Finally, Administration of the Church. There have been many changes in our staff, and it has been difficult to transition through each one. We hired Jim Bowersox as our Facilities Operations Assistant and the changes he has made to the campus are evident to everyone. Teresa McCorkle has been brought aboard as our bookkeeper. Jim Douglas is now our director of music and has picked up and moved our entire music program forward. Patti has only been with us for a short time but she has picked right up and seems to have been with us all year. It is wonderful to have her, and the rest of the new personnel. Of course, we continue to be lucky to have Laura Tayman who does so much to keep this organization moving. Most of you don't realize that she often compiles our liturgy for the week. She understands my thoughts and she appreciates congregational needs in this critical effort. And of course, Elizabeth Radley continues to keep it all moving in a positive direction, filling whatever need arises.

Tricia McVeigh and the entire St Margaret's Day School Staff continue to run the best school in the state. They continue to have full enrollment and very little staff turnover. Tricia and Susan Roberts, the SMDS School Board Chair, do wonderful work and we are very fortunate to have them as one of our ministries.

We will lose 5 members from the current Vestry:

\*Abby Wenz has been our youth representative and is really busy auditioning and getting on with school.

\*Fran Becker was a big supporter of the Rector before coming on the Vestry and has continued to be a source of strength. She has helped guide the Rector and staff through the change and change management that are so crucial in moving forward. Peter will continue to call on her for assistance.

\*Ruth Harman is a big advocate for our various outreach programs within the Formation Ministry. She has done, and will continue to do terrific work with the youth of our church.

\*Christine Feldman has served well in support of our very active Missions Ministry. She will continue to learn the Grant's process.

\*Tim Parker has been our budget guru for the past several years. He has managed to keep our books balanced and will take over the Endowment Ministry in the very near term.

**7. Senior Warden Report:** Paul O'Donnell's report is filed in the Annual Report. He also addressed the evident changes in our parish. He noted that the presence of so many new faces was a strength for us. While we may think of ourselves as a small country church, we are actually quite large and new people serve to exemplify our growth. We are a very welcoming Church and we find a place for everyone. Some of the changes that we have experienced this year include a resurgence of our Buildings and Grounds Committee. Our aging infrastructure requires constant attention, and they are up to the task and support both Elizabeth and Jim Bowersox in this regard. Another change we are dealing with is the rental house at the end of the campus. It has been an excellent investment in the past but may need a complete review by the Vestry to forge a fiscally responsible way ahead. Jim Douglas has signaled a clear forward direction to change our music ministry, and Patti is certainly a positive change for us all. While churches are traditionally a place where we expect less change, it is necessary for congregations to move forward. This Vestry has been very active in this regard and you will see the changes that make sense. The Senior Warden asked that individuals consider where they can help move this church forward and talk to Vestry and staff about getting engaged. The budget is also about the future, and we will talk more about this when Charlie and Tim present. Please don't look at the budget as how we have done things, consider it as an agent to help us move forward into the future.

**8. Rector's Report:** The Rector's report is filed in the Annual Report and as above.

**9. Treasurer's Report:** "What a difference a year makes." Charlie Lang said that pledge receipts, so far, for 2019 are the lowest in 5 years. Staff was a major expense as several changes resulted in higher costs than anticipated. Buildings and Grounds is significantly over budget for 2018 as unprogrammed maintenance continued to draw on resources. The difficult winters we have experienced increased our power and light requirements as well. Bottom line, we were \$2,105.49 in the red at the end of the year.

Charlie gave an update on the New Formation Building loan. Our current balance is \$200,000 and we do not anticipate receipts to match this amount. Our loan is due in November 2019 and if not fully funded, the remainder will be put into a 20-year mortgage, something none of us wants. The Vestry will continue to review alternatives and probably come forward with an agreed solution in September or October of 2019. In answer to a question from the floor, there is no penalty for early payment. While we all would prefer that this not be the case, it is a necessity when the income does not equal expenditures as appears to be the case this year. In answer to a question from the floor, the Endowment earns about 4 to 4.5 % each year. We need to remember that this might not sustain, markets are what markets are.

Tim Parker gave a run down on the proposed budget for 2019. We will continue to make the requisite 5% draw on the endowment to fund maintenance and missions. Unfortunately, when pledges do not meet expectations, it is necessary to use some of the draw to offset operations cost.

**10. Technology Update:** Jim Weekly gave a run down on upgrades to the campus IT infrastructure. From new and upgraded workstations for the staff, to new Wi-Fi hotspots around the campus, we are moving forward. We switched providers for storage, and this should both cost less, and provide enhanced security. The Technology Committee will continue to review the evolving technology to see what can be applied to enhance SMC efficiency.

**11. Other Business:** The Caldwells and Sloans accompanied our Bishop on a tour of the Holy Land. They returned bearing gifts which Peter graciously accepted on behalf of the congregation.

Grant Harmon offered to discuss with reluctant parishioners how to approach and converse with the homeless. He hopes that if more congregants are comfortable with these difficult engagements, they will be more comfortable volunteering to help with Winter Relief in March. He and his son have extensive experience in this regard, and he stands ready to help.

13. Peter+ thanked everyone for participating. The meeting was closed by singing the Doxology at 2:15 pm.

Faithfully submitted,

Jim Barnett  
Clerk



*Carol Saunders*

*Jeff Peacock*

*Cordelia Richards*

*Frank D Jones Jr.*

*Sue Farmer*



# Rector's Report

The Rev. Peter W. Mayer



Welcome to this year's Annual Meeting, and thank you for being such an integral part of St. Margaret's Church. I hope you enjoy today's potluck, conversing with fellow parishioners and learning about some of the wonderful ministries that make our church such an exciting place to be.

I am honored to be heading into my tenth year as rector of this church. In that time, I've learned much about myself, about God and about what an incredible transformational place a church can be. I've seen people heal, and I've seen people fall in love. I've seen us grieve, and I've watched us grow. To say that I've been humbled would be an understatement; I feel like Elijah in that little crag in the rock wall, watching God whirl past.

God has been central to all we've done here. From hosting guests during Winter Relief to the countless hours put in by grants liaisons interviewing applicants; from formation volunteers leading Vacation Bible School to parishioners offering their pews to newcomers during packed holiday services; from singing hymns on Sunday mornings to crying in a silent church on Friday afternoons; from kind words to those who are hurting to preferring one another in forgiveness, there is a tremendous spirit of thanksgiving, joy and generosity in this place. That is where God has found us.

A church is its people. You are the generous ones, you are the ones who serve. You are the ones offering your time, talents and treasure to ensure that the work of God can be done here. You are the beacons of light to this community. I am humbled and honored to be one of you.

## Highlights from 2019



Included Day School families in Ash Wednesday and Blessing of the Animals services



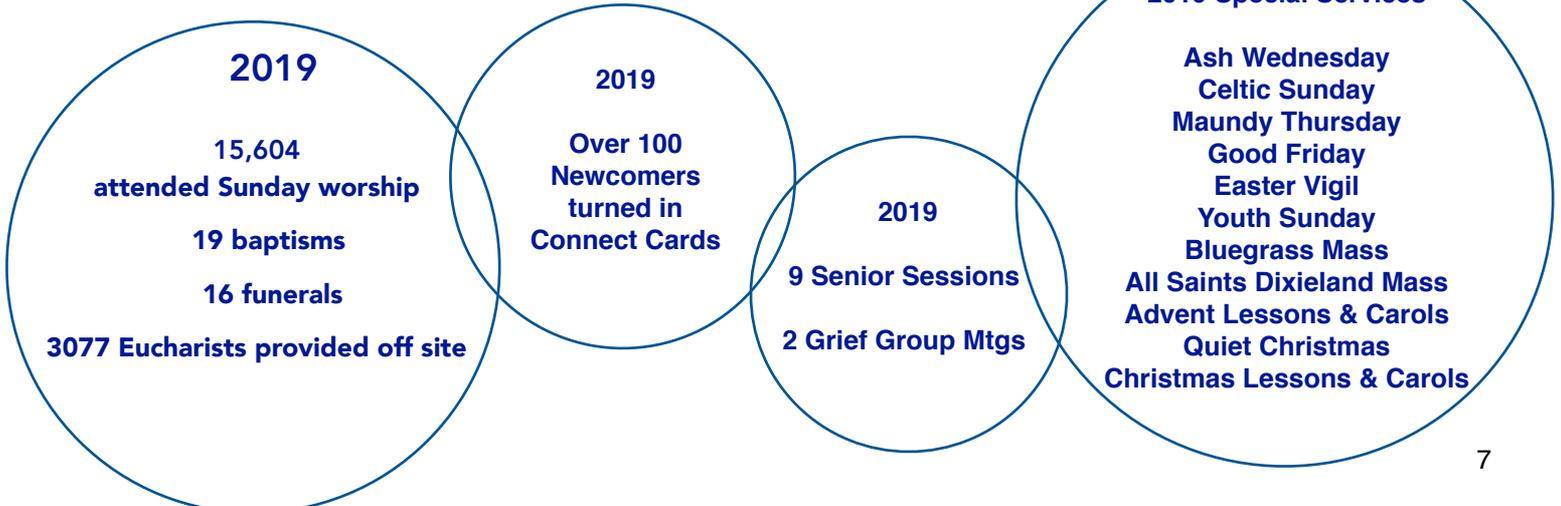
Developed and led two Newcomers programs



Created neighborhood support groups for parishioners



Switched to Realm, a user-friendly database useful for parishioners & staff





# Associate Rector's Report

## The Rev. Patti Sachs

What a busy and productive year! I am honored and proud to be of such a giving and active community. So many of you do so much! There are those who pledge their time to teach our children.

And our children, who participate in so many things – acolytes and choristers, Miss Arvilla's crafters on Monday nights, attending Sunday School, Godly Play and VBS – it is just a joy to witness! So, hat's off to you parents who are leading by example. Our St. Margaret's community is a rich one because of your participation and love.

Someone commented to me recently, "People are going to start running when they see you coming!" because I have been asking for a lot of help from you all. But that hasn't happened! Your generous spirits will keep Camp Allen alive, VBS staffed, and the pageants, parades and programs going strong. Amen and Amen!! Remember the song – "And they will know we are Christian by our love, by our love. They will know we are Christian by our LOVE!!"

I am also grateful for your support of our "community assistance" discretionary fund. With these funds, we have helped the under-employed with rent assistance at three different local half-way houses. These are folks who are transitioning from drug or alcohol rehab back into productive life in the community. Our funds have helped them maintain stability during this time on their journey. We have helped the working poor who have been beset by medical situations that prevented their working. We have helped domestic violence survivors in their efforts to begin new lives free from fear.

For all these things, I am so grateful to God and to this community. I look forward to many more years of St. Margaret's being the hands and feet of Christ in the world!

To that end, in the coming year, I'd like to see us continue and expand our community involvement with ACT. The issues that, through many listening sessions in the community, were identified as of paramount importance – affordable housing, addressing mental health needs in the county, understanding and working to lessen gun violence, improving public transportation – will be worked out in the public arena, i.e. the city, county and state legislatures. It is my hope that we will continue to work for equity for ALL in our community, always mindful of the marginalized, the underserved, the least among us. For surely, it is in this that we do

8 Christ's work. Thanks be to God!



### Highlights from 2019



Developed a security plan for Sundays and provided usher training



Led two studies for adult formation on Monday evenings



Hosted 30 Faith & Fellowship Mondays



Created a program for new grief support group



Joined the Broadneck area's Ecumenical leadership group



Created leadership roles for parish life events and formation programs



Began leadership role in Education for Ministry program



# Senior Warden's Report

## Paul O'Donnell

A longtime St. Margaret's parishioner approached me a few weeks ago to ask about the possibility of running for vestry. She would be retiring soon, and wanted to dedicate some of her expanded free time to "this church," she said, "which I love."



It's a common sentiment that I often hear expressed at St. Margaret's, and even when it's not expressed explicitly, you can find it in the smiling face of the volunteer at the reception desk on a weekday morning, in the gracious welcomes of the ushers and the perfection of the altar on Sundays, the cheerful banter of the cooks and the boisterous youth at Faith & Fellowship on Monday evenings. It seems we come here, many of us, not because, loving this church, we put the work in to make our programs prosper, but for the sheer uplift of loving the place and its people.

We are in a season as a church where we can indulge ourselves a little in this love. The formation building has been paid off as of November. Our new clergy and music director are well settled and the administrative staff are clicking along. We have begun a process of discernment about replacing our aging organ, but decisions are not imminent. With no major projects to take up our treasure and energy, we can regroup and revel a bit in our love for our community.

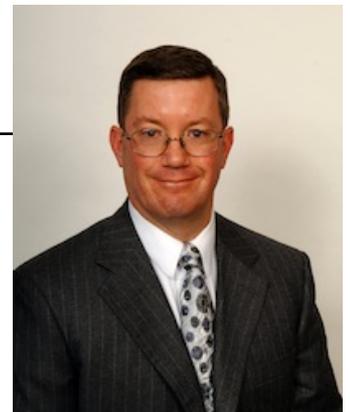
But this in-between time is also a time to hatch new ideas about how to create more love around St. Margaret's and especially in the Annapolis community — "light little fires," as Peter put it the other day. If you see the chance for a new mission or a new approach for a Bible study, talk it up to friends and plant the seed by talking to Peter or Patti. Join an existing mission that's outside your comfort zone. Or simply connect with a new parishioner or an old one by dragging them to coffee hour. Be this church, which we love.

# Junior Warden's Report

## Steve Brennan

## Building & Grounds

The Building & Grounds Committee continues to address issues of aging buildings and continued maintenance all year. In spring, summer, and fall we provided tree maintenance, grounds maintenance and bio-retention system maintenance.



Additionally, we took care of the clearance of ground debris, vines, and rubbish in the wooded area to the east of the playground area.

We installed new windows in the church's front doors to provide for security sight-lines of approach to the church building as part of the new security plan.

To allow the Music Director more interaction with parish staff, we constructed a new office in the Administration building.

We repaired and made modifications to the parish's rental property building next door in order to sell the property. We worked in conjunction with the Rental House Work Group/Committee, for the authorization of the Vestry and the Diocese Standing Committee to sell the the property. The sales contract was finalized in 2019 and the settlement/closing occurred on 01/10/2020. The net proceeds of the sale of the "Rental House," in excess of \$362,000, was deposited in the Endowment.

**Accessibility Efforts**

- \*Added 8 new handicap parking spaces on campus
- \*Automatic door added to Formation building
- \*Electric chair and ramp completed for Annex building

**BGE Bill for 2019:**

**\$59,000**

**Did you know?**

**Community usage of buildings on our campus in 2019 was 500 hours**

**Thanks to all volunteers who participated in our two Blue Jean Sundays**



## Churchyard Highlights

### Judy Hall, Churchyard Administrator

- ✓ Had five burials in the cemetery and two interments in the columbarium in 2019
- ✓ Had numerous tombstones traightened and powerwashed and trimmed trees & bushes
- ✓ Took photographs of tombstones to include in every file
- ✓ Completed about 75% of all handwritten cemetery files to digital form
- ✓ Began digitally mapping where plots and caskets are located

Older cemeteries like ours can have unmarked graves. Misplaced or poorly positioned headstones or markers can further complicate matters. Records are often vague, lost, or incomplete. There is often no surface indication of the actual burial location. The challenge is to explore the subsurface without disturbing the soil and caskets. We chose to use a non-destructive method for grave detection. We will now know exactly where all grave locations are in assigned plots.



# Music Report

## Jim Douglas, Director of Music

The music program at St. Margaret's is meant to enrich and enliven the weekly worship experience at SMC through consistently fine and well done sacred music. From the treasures of the Anglican choral repertoire to the contemporary songs written today, we complement the variety of regular and seasonal liturgies offered and to acknowledge SMC's diversity and provide an additional vehicle for Christian formation and growth, particularly for youth.

For next year, we hope to continue the reorganization and "seed planting" of our chorister program; increase participation across all ensembles; pursue opportunities for day school children to participate in the musical life of SMC; and continue to look at how to enhance and innovate our current worship and formation offerings to differentiate SMC from other churches to attract and grow membership.

In 2020, we will sing a combined choir Evensong at Church of the Redeemer, Baltimore (March 2020); participate in a choir festival in Baltimore (May 2020); and host a music workshop titled "Community Building in Congregational Singing" (September 2020) to educate individuals, clergy, musicians and lay leaders from the rural areas of Diocese the specialized and transformative practice of teaching and singing orally.

Along with St. Peter's, Lewes, we hope to sing a summer Sunday at the National Cathedral. We will also continue to reorganize and update the music library.

In the future, we plan to replace our aging sanctuary organ; host a visiting Distinguished Church Musician for a weekend to include a workshop for area singers and to rehearse SMC's choirs and play and direct that Sunday morning's services; and create a summer choir camp for current parishioners, day school families and the greater community, possibly with Diocesan support.

### Third Sunday Band Performances

- ✓ 10 Sundays including special services for MLK Day, Maundy Thursday, Celtic Mass, and Bluegrass Mass
- ✓ Two coffeehouses and Christmas concert
- ✓ Annapolis Pride Parade and Midnight Madness



- ✓ Created a music ministry mission statement
- ✓ Revised handbooks for adult choirs and chorister program
- ✓ Re-organized chorister program and creation of a customized music curriculum
- ✓ Increased number of services the Youth Chorale sang with our adult choirs
- ✓ Offered voice lessons for adult and youth choristers
- ✓ Arranged Children's Chapel offering music on Sundays (January & May 2020)
- ✓ Established a Visiting Youth Choir initiative to open our doors to groups from the area to assist in leading worship with our SMC's choristers and to foster collaboration and community building
- ✓ Collaborated with a joint retreat/choir festival with St. Peter's Church, Lewes, DE, which served as an educational, musical and community building exercise.
- ✓ Established monthly Compline (six services) during the program year
- ✓ Reorganized how SMC offers concerts and performances by outside musicians to better financially benefit SMC
- ✓ Created music pages on website
- ✓ Pride Night at the Baysox stadium
- ✓ SMDS (Raise the Sails benefit in Feb.)
- ✓ St. James Lothian, Baltimore Cathedral, Claggett Men's Retreat & Cursillo #115 Weekend



# Missions Report

## Joanna Tillman, Missions Chair

The Missions Commission of St. Margaret's church builds partnerships with the people we serve and with each other. It provides guidance and structure for the Endowment Grants, and Individual Missions Grants that supports the volunteer initiatives of St Margaret's parishioners.



### Annapolis Pride

St. Margaret's participated in the first-ever Annapolis Pride Parade in June in support of the Annapolis LGBTQ+ community. Over 60 parishioners participated by walking in the parade, hosting the SMC booth at the festival, and playing music. St. Margaret's has already arranged to host a Pride month worship service on June 4.

### Citizenship Classes at Center of Help

SMC is beginning the third year of teaching at the Center of Help. Led by Ann Lallande and Kate Callahan, eight parishioners and friends are teaching classes to a diverse group of students who are studying for their US citizenship test. These classes cover civics, US government, interview skills, and prepare students for the 100-question US citizenship test.

### Community Advocacy Involvement with ACT

St Margaret's parishioner Dalyn Huntley became cochair of a sub-committee (Relational Action Team) for Anne Arundel Connecting Together (ACT). ACT is a non-partisan, multi-faith, multi-racial organization which is comprised of twenty-two houses of worship, including St Margaret's, as well as civic groups like NAACP and Light House shelter. Gathering individuals into "Listening Sessions" and "Relational Meetings" has led ACT members to discover that many people share a passion for the same issues; these similarities are what led to the creation of Relational Action Teams (RAT). Areas of RATs include Mental Health and Addiction, Safe Neighborhoods and Affordable Housing, Fair and Just Immigration, Effective & Engaged Education, Connected and Useful Transportation, and Gun Violence Reduction and Safety. These teams foster an ongoing educational and advocacy process, and focus on moving forward with others.

### Missions Fair

The Missions Commission hosted a successful and well-attended Missions Fair in October. The event was attended by current and past St Margaret's grant recipients, as well as organizations with whom our church has a partnership. The fair offered parishioners an opportunity to speak first-hand with representatives from the organizations our church supports, and offered a view of volunteer opportunities for St. Margaret's outreach programs.

### Homelessness and Affordable Housing - Security Deposit Assistance

Sponsored by Arundel House of Hope, this program helps qualified Anne Arundel County residents obtain affordable rental housing by providing security deposit assistance. Comprised of 70 area churches and synagogues that support Winter Relief, this program augments the work of six County agencies and non-profits that seek to provide shelter to underserved populations in Anne Arundel County. Parishioner Harry Caldwell is Chair of the Governing Board of this program. Since beginning, the security deposit assistance program has helped place 11 households, representing 20 adults and children, into secure rental housing.

### Winter Relief

Led by volunteer Judy Hall, St Margaret's hosted 35 homeless individuals through the Arundel House of Hope in our Parish Hall and formation building for a week at the end of March.

- ✓ 116 volunteers
- ✓ 603 hours given on site
- ✓ 70 hours donated in volunteer homes
- ✓ 33 guests served
- ✓ 155 bagged lunches
- ✓ 211 homemade meals served

### Broadneck Elementary Partnership

SMC continues to provide tutoring to Broadneck Elementary students.

- ✓ Six SMC volunteers
- ✓ provide approximately seven hours of tutoring per week
- ✓ 240 tutoring hours per school year.

Jean Clarke, Leader



# Missions Report

Joanna Tillman, Missions Chair

## Light House shelter

- ✓ Missions committee rep is Marti Engstrom
- ✓ Parishioners served 12 dinners to shelter residents
- ✓ 262 bags of groceries donated during our summer food drive for the LH pantry
- ✓ LH culinary arts program provided dinner and presentation in Dec. 2019

## Missions Commission

Members are:

Kate Callahan  
Marti Engstrom  
Barbara Friedmann  
James Hanrahan  
Russell Jackson  
Justyn Kopack  
Casey Pingle  
Jim Reising  
Janice Roper-Graham  
Robert Thomas

- ✓ **Back to School Backpack Drive**  
12 filled backpacks with donated supplies

- ✓ **Thanksgiving Meal Donations**  
\*18 Dinners  
\*20 Parish Families

- ✓ **Christmas Meal Donations**  
\*18 Dinners  
\*21 Parish Families

## Social Justice/Annapolis Immigration Justice Network

The St. Margarets Social Justice Group held a diaper drive in March, collecting over 3,500 diapers to benefit the Annapolis Immigration Justice Network. Members also hosted voter registration tables and attended Advocacy Days with the Maryland Episcopal Public Policy Network.

## Camp Allen

SMC hosted another successful session of Camp Allen, providing a week-long day camp to the mostly Hispanic families of the Annapolis Allen Apartments. We thank Sarah Hyde for her years of outstanding leadership of this program; Sarah is stepping down. Parishioner Melanie Carson has agreed to take the reins. Although Sarah received overwhelmingly positive feedback from parents of Camp Allen students, she led a meeting this summer to discuss rethinking the camp approach and structure. During the meeting the group discussed improvement ideas, lessons learned, and ways to further assist Camp Allen families in light of current immigration challenges.

## My Brother's Pantry

St Margaret's continues to be a leader at My Brother's Pantry, with parishioner Russell Jackson currently serving as Vice President on the Pantry's Board of Directors and with newcomer Sherrie Wise Thomas joining him this year as a second representative to the Pantry from our congregation. In 2020, St Margaret's will be responsible for the Pantry's operations in both February and March. In 2019, led by Russell Jackson, St Margarets parishioners packed and delivered around 225 bags of groceries in support of over 125 families in our community. My Brother's Pantry is also preparing a pilot program this summer to support hungry school children in our community who won't be receiving school lunches during summer vacation.

## Tucker's Teddies

In November the Missions commission awarded a grant to Tucker's Teddies, led by Parishioners Michele and Sierra Mullen, a 501c3 nonprofit organization committed to offering comfort and support to grieving families, hospitalized children, and the medical staff that care for them. Funds will support staff appreciation days for hospital staff. One staff appreciation day was held at Children's Hospital in DC, with another at Anne Arundel Medical Center.

## Future Strategies

- Partner with the people we serve, creating a more balanced relationship and empowering our partners to achieve greater independence.
- Strive to promote programs that encourage relationships, not only with the people we serve but with each other and church communities outside our parish.
- Aim to continue to improve communications with parishioners to increase understanding of what the Commission does and how it supports parishioner outreach.
- Continue to advocate for the most vulnerable among us at the city, county, state and national level.



# Missions Report

**Joanna Tillman, Missions Chair**

## 2019 Grant Awardees

**Kenya Connect, Elkridge MD**

**Charlie's Place at St. Margaret's Church, Washington**

**Siempre Unidos, Honduras**

**Green-Valley—Sahuarita Samatarians, Arizona**

**Acts 4 Youth, Baltimore Center of Help, Annapolis**

**Strong City Baltimore, The Club at Collingwood Square**

**Civic Works/ Real Food Farm, Baltimore**

**El Ayudante Missions, Honduras**

**Annapolis Immigration Justice Network**

**Connect Rwanda, Annapolis MD**

**Carpenter's Shelter, Alexandria, VA**

**Center of Help, Annapolis**

## Contacts for Missions Efforts — <https://onrealm.org/smcannapolis>

- Backpack Drive - Barbara Marder
- Broadneck Elem. Partnership - Jean Clarke
- Camp Allen - Melanie Carson
- Center of Help - Ann Lallande, Kate Callahan
- Holiday Meals - Barbara Marder
- Immigration Good Neighbor - Pam Roth
- Immigration Social Justice - Morgan VanArsdall
- Grants Program - Christine Feldmann
- Light House - Marti Engstrom
- Missions Comm. - Joanna Tillman
- My Brother's Pantry - Russell Jackson
- Tucker's Teddies - Michelle Mullen
- Winter Relief - Judy Hall

## Endowment Grants Program

St. Margaret's Church is blessed to have an endowment that generates income for providing grants to local, regional and global programs for specific use compatible with the mission priorities of the congregation. Thanks to the vision and foresight of the vestry and parishioners upon receipt of a generous unrestricted bequest from Edwin and Zoe Hall in 1995, with the vestry's approval, the St. Margaret's Grants Committee, made up of dedicated parishioners, will issue new grants this program year for the 21st time.

Our mission priorities are:

- Endow the poor and hungry with the means to feed, shelter and clothe themselves
  - particular consideration for opportunities that help others sustain themselves
- Restore the ill to health and heal the broken
  - consideration includes prevention of human brokenness and healing the broken
- Promote, preserve and sustain environmental health and good practices
  - primary considerations are sanitation, human health, sustainability and reduction of destructive and dangerous environments
- Improve access to educational opportunities;
  - consideration includes efforts that empower the powerless and enfranchise the disenfranchised.

In 2019, the Grants committee was chaired by parishioner Casey Pingle. The Grants Committee received 20 applications totaling \$364,036; interviewed 14 applicant organizations, and awarded \$91,000 approved by the Vestry to 12 applicants. The Grants committee involves 37 dedicated parishioners included (committee members and liaisons) who will issue new grants this program year for the 21st time.

This year Christine Feldmann worked with longtime parishioner Izzy Winn to learn the Grants Administrator role in order to be prepared to take over when Izzy transitioned out of the administration role in 2019. Christine also led a sub-committee to update and streamline the Endowment Grants application. The group also identified an approach to pilot the concept of multi-year grants for longer-term projects.

## Dageno Safari 2019

In 2019, 24 St. Margaret's parishioners and friends visited former grant awardee the the Dageno Girls School and experienced an amazing Serengeti safari in the month of March led by parishioner Janice Roper Graham. The Dageno Girls Center is a residential school in Tanzania, Africa that St. Margaret's has financially supported by funding on-site water storage tanks, bunk beds, and more. Another group has planned a similar trip for March of 2020.

The travelers brought along numerous suitcases full of donations from parishioners for the school including: tech equipment, art supplies, science lab supplies, gardening supplies, games and balls, camping supplies and bedding and towels.





# Parish Life

## ✓ Brotherhood of St. Andrew

- Completed reading of the book "Short Stories by Jesus" by Amy-Jill Devine
- Organized men's breakfast group which met about every six weeks throughout the year
- Organized and conducted the annual Pancake Supper on Shrove Tuesday (March 5, 2019)



- Provided leadership and parking attendants for the Annapolis area Way of the Cross conducted on Good Friday (April 19, 2019) at the Manresa
- Cooked hot dogs, hamburgers, and vegetarian/vegan alternatives for the summer picnic following the Blue Grass Mass
- Provided trucks to transport items for the Women's Guild White Elephant Sale from storage locations to the sale location
- Donated funds to support Youth Group activities, Vacation Bible School, and Camp Allen.

## ✓ St. Margaret's Women's Guild

- \*Held eight general meetings including a Lenten soup & salad luncheon and an interactive session with Day School students
- \*Sponsored a Christmas and summer luncheon for members & special guests
- \*Held fundraisers including spring flowers and Christmas poinsettias, and the annual St. Margaret's Holiday Bazaar
- \*Provided Cape St. Claire families children's Christmas gifts
- \*Provided gifts and funds for VBS t-shirts, the Club at Collington Square in Baltimore, hygiene kits for homeless teens, First Alarmers, choir robes, parish hall kitchen supplies, Puerto Rico youth trip, Friends of Arundel Seniors, Broadneck Elem. book fair

## ✓ Prayer Shawl Ministry in 2019

- Adopted a loaves and fishes approach to both yarn and shawls. The bins are full.
- Shawls placed on the back pew for use during worship.
- Shawls given to people in need of comfort.
- Shawls given to all baptized at St. Margaret's.
- Blanket donated to SMDS Auction.
- Mini prayer shawl basket kept full.
- Updated PSM brochure to include new contact info and how to request a shawl or donate yarn. Placed in pew packets, provide updates for bulletin inserts/Dragon Tales.

**Average pocket, "mini" shawl**  
600 stitches

**Average adult shawl**  
10,000 stitches

**Average baptismal blanket**  
35,000 stitches

## ✓ Parish Life Events in 2019

- \*New Year's Parish Brunch
- \*Annual Meeting 2019
- \*Silent Movie Concert with Michael Britt
- \*Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
- \*Easter Egg Hunt
- \*Parish picnic after Blue Grass Mass
- \*Parish Bingo - June through August
- \*Foyers welcome and year-end celebrations
- \*Advent wreathmaking day
- \*Christmas caroling for homebound parishioners

### Easter Egg Hunt

Approximately 80 children  
Approximately 1800 eggs

### Coffeehour Teams

9 teams  
45 volunteers

In 2019, \$3500 spent on coffee and goodies (not counting plates/napkins)

Thanks to Renee Macey, Jen Albanese, and Sarah Westcott for heading the shopping for coffeehour food





## History & Archives Committee

- ✓ Continued to scan and digitize parish records to add to our dedicated website
- ✓ Continued the organization of paper files and the addition of records from various church commissions and activities
- ✓ Received a gift from Mollie Ridout of the letters of the Reverend Samuel Ridout that cover the period of 1838-1885
- ✓ Arranged presentation at Faith & Fellowship on "Faith and Tobacco" by Frank Robinson, Smithsonian archivist
- ✓ Sponsored a presentation at Faith & Fellowship by Professor Michael Parker on the research he has conducted as to the fate of Governor Eden's remains
- ✓ Reserved time for presentation at coffeeshour by Brad Callahan on the History and Archives Project
- ✓ Gave a presentation and tour to the Annapolis History Consortium about the history and records of our archives
- ✓ Met with parishioners of St. Anne's and First Presbyterian Church exploring options for their parish history group

## Foyers Program

The French word, "foyer" means "hearth or fireside," and suggests small groups in a relaxed and casual atmosphere. Foyer groups provide an opportunity get to know other members of our parish over informal gatherings devoted to getting to know each other and having fun together. Groups of six to eight (combined at random, rather than by age, zip code, etc.) meet monthly for a simple meal and fellowship which nurtures and builds our community. There is no agenda. Couples or individuals take turns hosting the monthly gatherings over a five to six-month period. Each Foyers group determines its own meeting dates.

- ✓ Over 70 participants during each program year - all ages and backgrounds.
- ✓ This year Foyers leaders partnered with the Missions Commission. At the Kick-off Social in September and via email, each group was provided with discussion questions to understand what charities were important to them and how St. Margarets Missions Commission can support them.
- ✓ All Foyers groups participate in a beginning-of-the-year and end-of-the-year social.

### Foyers Chairs 2019-2020

Janice Roper Graham  
Web Chamberlin  
Arvilla Wubbenhorst  
Lesal Kilcrease

### Faith & Fellowship Meals

With thanks to:

\*Allison Mayer & Anne Sessions for doing the shopping

\*Allison Mayer, Anne Sessions, Katy Strother Rosemary Williams, Carolyn Surrick and "Miss Nancy" for cooking the meals and often times cleaning up

### Flu Shots

We thank parishioner Pat Hall for arranging a local Rite Aid store to come to St. Margaret's and provide flu shots to parishioners in the fall.

### Faith & Fellowship Crafts

With thanks to:  
Arvilla Wubbenhorst for her many hours of providing arts & crafts & love to our young parishioners



# Formation

**Gwen Davis, The Rev. Patti Sachs**

## Children

- ✓ Established teams of Sunday school teachers for six classes and Children's Chapel to enable two teachers per classroom at all times, while still allowing teachers to take some Sundays for their own formation.
- ✓ Migrated the Sunday school registration and the teacher communication process through Realm.
- ✓ Registered 119 children and youth for Sunday school classes. Average number of students attending each week is 54.
- ✓ Initiated the "crypto-Confirmation" program, a holistic approach to confirmation class, using My Faith, My Life; A Teen's Guide to the Episcopal Church as the basic framework.
- ✓ Hosted 59 children and had 32 volunteers and Day School staff at Vacation Bible School where the theme was "Who is My Neighbor?"
- ✓ Developed and held a program for children on the significance of Good Friday, with participation of 30 children and family members.
- ✓ Developed and held a children's summer program (when Sunday School is not in session) with clergy leading younger children through the Gospel lesson during coffeeshour, with discussion time and a reinforcing craft project
- ✓ Julie Svendsen took over the running of the Acolytes program, and the parish's scheduling software now allows parents to get email confirmations of assignments in advance through email
- ✓ The Rev. Peter W. Mayer held a Communion Class with young parishioners to explain the process and meaning of the Holy Eucharist. Youngsters were invited to witness first-hand at the altar Eucharist on Sunday morning.



## Youth

**Jeff Conover, Youth Ministries Leader**

- ✓ Continued work as a mentor/instructor with the Diocesan Youth Leadership Program for High School students.
- ✓ Planned the first youth-led service in many years. The theme was "Found Family," and was held at the 9:00 a.m. service on May 12.
- ✓ Initiated a relationship with Annapolis Pride, with its Director addressing the youth group. Additionally, the youth group created special jewelry and gifts for at-risk LGBTQ youth in the county to let them know they are loved unconditionally, even sight-unseen.
- ✓ Youth participated in two mission trips over the summer. The first was in Lumberton, NC with the Brethren Disaster Ministries, from July 7-13. The second was in conjunction with the Diocese of Puerto Rico, in the city of Ponce, from July 23-29 .
- ✓ Structured and implemented a program to prepare students for confirmation. The intent is to provide an environment where students can explore the decision to be confirmed, and make that decision in a mature, responsible and knowledgeable way.

## Youth (continued)

### Jeff Conover, Youth Ministries Leader

✓ Began a relationship with Bello Machre as a way to expand our circle of neighbors outside of Church. Our introductory event was setting up Christmas decorations and baking cookies with the residents of the Bello Machre house in Cape St. Claire. It was very well-received, and we are actively exploring further opportunities for interaction.

✓ Hosted three lock-ins during the year

✓ Continued to serve on the Diocesan Youth and Young Adult Council, which explores ways to improve the Dioceses' appeal and relevance to youth.

✓ Held an enormously successful "Warm Tree" drive this year, that included a special donation by the Women's Guild of a dozen toiletries kits for teens.

✓ Enjoyed very healthy attendance at the weekly youth group meetings on Monday evenings. With very few exceptions, the numbers have all been in the low to mid-twenties. Additionally, the youth group asked to hold a meeting during Thanksgiving Break when there was no meeting scheduled, and 15 attended.



## Adult Formation

*With thanks to Ernie Tucker and Molly Owens*

✓ Theologian video series "Debunking the Rapture" in winter 2019

✓ The Thurs AM Book Study group read "The Last Week" by Borg/Crossan & "Mere Christianity" by Lewis

✓ The Rev. Peter W. Mayer led a Sunday morning Lenten study using "Hanging by a Thread" by S. Wells

✓ Monday night Lenten study using Handel's "Messiah" and its Easter related scriptural texts

✓ Joanna Tillman led a discussion at a Monday night Faith & Fellowship about immigration and assisting refugees

✓ The Rev. Peter W. Mayer offered a discussion about films of 2018 in Feb. of 2019 (before the Oscars)

✓ The Revs Peter and Patti offered daily discussion videos on the Gospel readings during Holy Week

✓ Richard Bowen from the county's Dept. of Public Works led an adult formation program on recycling

✓ Parishioner Al Todd led a showing and discussion of "A Plastic Ocean" an award-winning documentary

✓ Parishioners Tug and Beth Knorr shared their experiences traveling to Alabama for a Civil Rights pilgrimage this summer

✓ Parishioner Mike Winn shared the components of the Episcopalian Cursillo program

✓ Fall book study on "The God Who Sees: Immigrants, the Bible, and the Journey to Belong" and discussion with author Karen Gonzalez

✓ The Rev. Peter W. Mayer led an Advent Sunday morning study in 2019 on the prophet Isaiah

✓ The Rev. Patti Sachs led an Advent study using Rowan Williams' study of Icons

✓ Jo Mattson, Light House Exec. Dir, and the culinary arts team shared their efforts in December 2019

# St.Margaret's Day School

**Tricia McVeigh, Director**

- ✓ Passed re-accreditation for the National Association for the Education of the Young Child (NAEYC) accreditation.
- ✓ Maintained MD Excels rating of Level 5-the highest rating available.
- ✓ Passed MSDE licensing inspection with zero non-compliances.
- ✓ Sustained full enrollment numbers during the school year.
- ✓ Successfully ran summer camp with an average of 180 campers per week and 40 counselors daily for seven weeks.
- ✓ Successfully applied for and received several large grants for security and wireless improvements to include panic buttons, paging system and more video surveillance.
- ✓ Continued to bridge SMC/SMDS partnerships with joint events: Blessing of the Animals, Ash Wednesday, Women's Guild Visit Day, Grand-friend's Day, Christmas ornaments for campus trees, Vacation Bible School, Earth Day.
- ✓ Continued to mentor AACC and UMBC fieldwork students. Successfully maintained STEM enrichment to all the classes and additional programming to the AM & PM 4's classes.
- ✓ Maintained National Wildlife Foundation School Outdoor Habitat certification.
- ✓ Maintained Monarch Watch "Monarch Waystation" certification and activities.
- ✓ Maintained the additional Pollinator Garden under the classroom windows.
- ✓ Maintained an outdoor learning center with plants, planting stations, musical instruments and a discovery table.
- ✓ Maintained contract with Riversedge Landscaping to help maintain the pollinator gardens, the playground and outdoor learning center areas.
- ✓ Maintained partnerships with outside groups that enhance our curriculum and experiences to include DNR and the Sunfish program continuing our environmental education on the topic of the Chesapeake Bay.
- ✓ Sustained and prepared for re-certification with MAEOE and added new initiatives to the program to include water bottles, re-usable bags, compostable plates, utensils and napkins to reduce our footprint.
- ✓ Continued our library program with the help of our certified Librarian, added additional classes to the library check out program.



## Tricia McVeigh, Director

- ✓ Continued fundraising and branding with the help of our PTO.
- ✓ Finished the process of large fundraising initiative for new playground equipment in the spring of 2019 and had it installed.
- ✓ Held annual food drive for the Light House pantry and donated money for Foodlink through Chevy's.
- ✓ Raised over \$4,000 for St. Jude's through bike-a-thon.
- ✓ Continued to apply for grants to support our certifications and enrichment programs and new playground initiative.
- ✓ Provided scholarships to every family that applied.
- ✓ Continued to sustain a designed, multi-page, interactive, stand-alone website at [www.stmargaretsdayschool.org](http://www.stmargaretsdayschool.org) (webmaster/director)

Enrollment #s
<u>2019-20 School Year</u> 127
<u>Summer Camps 2019</u> 310
<u>Already registered for summer camp 2020:</u> 96

Special thanks to  
parishioners:  
Susan Roberts  
Board Chair 2018-19  
&  
Jen Albanese  
Board Chair 2019-20

**Did you know?**  
SMDS provides leadership in special education initiatives through a fully inclusive early childhood education program. Speech and occupational therapists from the county work with staff on instructional strategies for all children.

SMDS offers  
after-school activities on  
site:  
Soccer Shots  
Davy Dance Studio  
Annapolis Maritime  
Museum  
JumpBunch Basketball

Day School  
Weekly Enrichment Classes:  
Spanish  
JumpBunch (physical fitness)  
Music Together

Achievements:  
National Assoc. for the Education of  
Young Children  
Accredited School  
State of MD Excels Rated  
MD Asspc/ fpr Enviromental and  
Outdoor Education Green Certified  
School



2020  
**VESTRY NOMINATIONS**  
 2020

@ St.-Margaret's

*In alphabetical order — as of January 15, 2020*

*Kristen Berthelotte*

Kristen Hays Berthelotte is a newer member of St Margaret's, attending since moving to Severna Park from Japan in 2017.



Kristen has been a part of the Episcopal Church since marrying her husband Brad in 2009. Together, they were wed at Christ Church Georgetown and have been members of St Christopher's in Kailua, HI and St George's Valley Lee in southern MD. Kristen has taught Sunday School, and ran a Japanese-English childrens' ministry for a home church in Yokosuka, Japan. She facilitated a Japanese women's ministry for which she taught English and Bible lessons for The Lighthouse, a Christian military outreach affiliated with Cadence International. At St Margaret's, Kristen has led children's chapel once a month; and attended and occasionally led Thursday morning Bible study. This year, she co-directed the SMC Epiphany pageant. Kristen is a harpist and has performed for services and concerts at all of the churches she has attended.

Kristen and Brad have three daughters: Charlotte (7), Clara (5) and Samantha (3). Kristen graduated with highest honors in English from Emory University and has since worked independently as a writer, editor, and indexer. She also works as a musical storyteller for children, known as "Celesta the Fairy Harpist." She has volunteered her time throughout her life and is passionate about developing the spiritual, intellectual, and musical minds of children. Kristen looks forward to making more connections and continuing to learn about the wonderful and important ministries at St Margaret's.

*Joan Crossman*

Joan's history with St. Margaret's began in 1992 when she and her husband, Scott, were married by the Rt. Rev. Mary Glasspool. Soon after that, she became involved in St. Margaret's Day School and served on the Board of Trustees for two consecutive terms, a total of six years. In the meantime, her own family grew. Both of her children, Kelly and Patrick, were baptized at St. Margaret's then started their education at the Day School. As they started at the Day School, an energetic, whistling, and overall positive force came to St. Margaret's -- it was the new Minister, the Rev. Wes Wubbenhort, that encouraged her to teach a new Sunday School program called Godly Play. As Joan is currently an assistant teacher to another group of middle schoolers, Joan hears the "Godly Play kids" making joyful noises in the next room every Sunday morning.

Professionally, Joan has been a psychotherapist for thirty-three years. She is currently a Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor working with Primary Care Physicians to incorporate mental health treatment to their practices.



*Marti Engstrom*



In 2017, Marti's family (including husband Rich, and two sons Andy , 16. and Tommy , 11) discovered their church home and church family at St. Margaret's —after more than two years of searching across Anne Arundel and Calvert counties for the right fit (i.e., a family of questioners who want to change the world).

From the very first time they stepped foot into the church building, Marti says they were welcomed and shown unconditional love and acceptance. "SMC's invitation to the Eucharist every Sunday says it all," said Marti. She and her family found support and friendship for their spiritual journeys at SMC. She and her family feel God's presence and love through Foyers, participating in Winter Relief, singing with Motet, serving dinner at the Light House, formation classes, Youth Group, and the many kind words, texts and hugs given to them just when they needed it.

Marti feels privileged to serve on the Missions Commission. She has also served as the Coordinator of the Missions Fair to share information about missions and volunteer opportunities with fellow parishioners. Through Mission Commission efforts, Marti says she has been able to support both continuing missions. such as the Light House shelter, and also new missions such as SMC's participation in Annapolis's 1st PRIDE parade and festival.

"My family and I get so much more from St Margaret's than we give," said Marti. "I see serving on the vestry as a way to give even more back."

## Elizabeth Kopack



For many years, Beth has thought of SMC as her church home. Why SMC? At first, it was the look and feel at the church. SMC evoked the comforting, familiar look of the church of her youth, St. Andrew's Episcopal in College Park, MD. But church is *much* more than a look. At SMC, she found a familiar way of worship. She felt welcomed by the clergy and congregation, and in time became increasingly involved with the many missions and activities. Her service through the years includes being a member of the grants liaisons, flower guild, winter relief volunteers, coffee hour team members, Epiphany Pageant leaders, Faith & Fellowship meal crew, VBS volunteers, Camp Allen volunteers, Sunday School curriculum committee, and substitute teachers. All these experiences solidified that she found her church home, a home where she says she continues her spiritual growth and service.

Why vestry? Beth believes serving on the vestry is a next step on her path of spiritual growth and service to her beloved church community. She brings a broad perspective of parish life drawn from the three generations of her family that attend SMC; her involvement in a variety of missions; and practical and leadership skills honed as an ESOL (English as a Second Language) teacher and former small business owner.

## Barbara Marder

St. Margaret's has been a part of Barbara's life for almost fifty years. She has coordinated the parish participation in holiday sharing, the giving of Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners to those in the community needing help with the gathering of their food for their feasts. She also added the Back-to-School backpack project where she coordinates with parish families providing a backpack filled with new school supplies to area students in need. Additionally she enjoys helping with the church's week of sheltering the homeless plus sharing the preparation of one evening's dinner at St. Phillip's for winter relief.

She and her late husband moved to Cape St. Claire in 1972, raised their children there, and exposed them to community through being active in local governance and to Christianity through her partial attendance at St. Margaret's. She taught at Anne Arundel Community College for 35 years, retiring as chair of Performing Arts in 2008. Since that time, she has worked with community theatre and AAUW as well as increased her participation at St. Margaret's.



For four years she attended EFM class, gaining strength in her ability to help with the overall ministry of the parish. She served as a Grant liaison many times and spent two years on the Grants Committee participating in the selection of recipients. She chaired a crew serving for coffee hour for several years, has been a volunteer for Camp Allen as well as the parish's Vacation Bible School, was a group leader for Relay for Life, served on the music minister search committee, and frequently serves as a lector for the 9 a.m. Sunday service.

Barbara hopes to see the parish continue its many outreach programs, particularly helping with immigrant needs and those of both the homeless and the working poor in the community. As a member of the Vestry, she would expect to take a leadership role in pursuing such missions.

## Mitch Owens



Mitch was an economics major at Colgate University in 1968, receiving an MBA at Columbia University in 1970. During the '70s, he taught at the University of Baltimore, and worked on a DBA at George Washington University. During the '80s, he did marketing research for Equitable Bank and Maryland National Bank. From 1990 to today, Mitch has done financial planning for private clients. Initially he was an agent for Northwestern Mutual, but after he qualified for a certification in financial planning (CFP), he started his own firm, Owens Financial Inc., in 1995 and continues to operate it today.

Mitch has been a lifelong Episcopalian. Before college, he attended St. David's in Roland Park (Baltimore). After college he attended St. James in Monkton, and when he moved to Severna Park, he attended St. James Lothian, which was the church his great grandfather and grandmother attended. His sister-in-law is Patti Sachs, your Associate Rector. When Patti came to St. Margaret's, he and wife Molly arrived as well.

Mitch has been the Treasurer at the Claggett Center for roughly 10 years and is a member of the Diocesan Financial Advisory Board. He has also been a member of the Diocesan Investment Committee. Mitch currently sings in the Motet Ensemble and the Chancel Choir and volunteered to help out with the Winter Relief. He and Molly have three sons, Brooks, Mitch Jr., and Bob, and live in Annapolis.



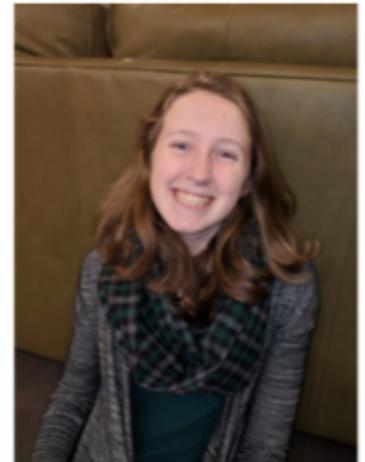
*Paul Schurke*

Paul Schurke is a career Naval Engineer in the U.S. Coast Guard, with experience in Cutter and Small Boat operations, maintenance, design and construction. A 2002 graduate of the United States Coast Guard Academy, he has completed sea tours out of Honolulu, HI and Key West, FL. His shore tours include Naval Engineering support duty in Norfolk, VA, a Master's at George Washington University, Ship Design Management at Coast Guard Headquarters, and Executive Officer of Project Resident Office Lockport, LA. He currently serves at the USCG Surface Forces Logistics Center as the Engineering Services Division Deputy, supporting a fleet of 256 Cutters and 1800 boats. Paul's spiritual life has long centered on service to the church, from his time building a 3,600-pipe organ while in high school, to his time as a Vestry Member at St. Paul's Alexandria, and countless Saturdays taking care of the projects that the church needed done before lunch.

Paul is married to Melanie Carson of Cantonment, FL, and the proud father of Clara, a 1<sup>st</sup> grader at Cape St. Claire Elementary. The family is excited to have settled in Annapolis, where they have made many fast friends in the community and look forward to remaining here when Paul retires from the Coast Guard.

## *Ella Tomko* (for Youth Representative)

Ella has proudly been attending St. Margaret's Episcopal Church since her first Christmas in Annapolis five years ago. She is currently a junior at Broadneck High School, and in her free time, enjoys playing guitar, reading, and rowing. She loves getting involved in the church community and regularly plays music at Children's Chapel. She also cooks at the Light House shelter, serves as an acolyte, and helps prepare coffee hour goodies with her family. She's also been involved with the Episcopal Diocese of Maryland, traveling to Lumberton, North Carolina the past two years and to Puerto Rico this past summer to help repair houses after natural disasters. Ella also frequently attends the youth leadership program put on by the Diocese and regularly acts as a counselor during youth retreats. She hopes to join the vestry to represent the youth of St. Margaret's Church and increase the focus on youth-led community service.



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### **Vestry Election at Annual Meeting**

The Vestry is the governing body of St. Margaret's Church. The Vestry of the Church consists of the Rector and thirteen to fourteen members of whom twelve will be lay members chosen from among the Voting Members, with up to two additional Voting Members between the ages of 16 and 22, who will be young adult members of the Vestry. Of the twelve adult lay members, four shall be elected each year and shall serve three-year terms. Young adult members of the Vestry shall be elected for a term of one year. No lay member shall be eligible for re-nomination and re-election to the Vestry for a period of one year after the member's term expires; provided, however, that prior service on the Vestry in filling a vacancy shall not be disqualification for re-election.

Vestry candidates are nominated to serve as Vestry members by a Nominating Committee. Any Voting Member may nominate a candidate or candidates for the office of Vestry member by submitting such nomination or nominations to the Clerk at least two weeks prior to the annual meeting. No person's name shall be placed in nomination without the prior consent of that person.

Vestry members are elected at the annual meeting by the Voting Members present. Those voting are communicants in good standing — 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. Voting by proxy or voting earlier is not permitted. Those receiving the highest number of votes for the vacancies to be filled shall be deemed elected. If there be a tie vote for the last of the vacancies, the tie shall be resolved by another ballot for the tied candidates; if there is then another tie, it shall be resolved by lot.



# Finance Report

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## TREASURER'S REPORT

Charles M. Lang, Jr., Treasurer

St. Margaret's started 2019 with \$129,728.79 in the Operating Checking account and \$101,961.63 in the Designated Savings account. The amount in the Operating account included \$24,699.97 of pre-paid 2019 pledges. The Vestry approved a 2019 budget with a small deficit of \$926.00.

The Vestry anticipated 2019 revenues from all sources of \$1,048,770 (\$862,000 from pledges). Our actual revenues for the year totaled \$1,038,850.36 (\$832,087.38 from pledges, which was \$29,912.62 less than budgeted.)

On the expenditure side, through the end of December 2019, we expended \$1,031,750.95 (\$1,049,696 budgeted), which is \$17,945.05 less than budgeted. The total for the year ending 31 December 2019 shows a net gain of \$7,099.41 (i.e. actual income less actual expenses) for the Operating Budget.

St. Margaret's was able to maintain a surplus in the Operating Checking account over the year due to the pre-paid pledges and a continuation of reduced income variance. Also, transfers from the Operating account of donations/pledges to the Formation Building Savings and Designated accounts were made on a monthly basis.

To start the New Year (2020), St. Margaret's had \$155,418.69 in the Operating Checking account.

A successful audit of the church accounts was conducted for the calendar year 2018. The financial results reveal no major changes between the church's financial records and reports from the audit.

The Formation Building construction loan interest payments totaled \$5,174.29 for 2019. During the year principal payments totaling \$200,000 were made to retire the loan. The Vestry authorized a withdrawal of \$40,500 from the Endowment, which in addition to funds on hand from Formation Building pledges made up the final payment.

Charles M. Lang, Jr.

Treasurer