

St. Margaret's Church Announcements for August 2, 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 during own faith journey, and where everyone is welcome to receive communion (once we begin to celebrate together again). If you would like to contact us, email peter@st-margarets.org.

Our August Sunday services will be pre-recorded and shared live on our Facebook public page at 9:00 a.m. The hour will include new sermons and readings and music from Sundays from the recent past. Broadcasts will continue to be on our Facebook public page, and later on our YouTube channel and on our website at www.st-margarets.org.

Re-Gathering at St. Margaret's

While we all want to see everyone and worship together, please know that church leaders continue to plan a way to safely return to physical worship. **Note: There will be no physical worship until at least Sept. 13 to allow for staff to adequately plan to implement cleaning and distancing methods upon re-gathering. If you have thoughts about re-gathering services, please contact peter@st-margarets.org or patti@st-margarets.org to provide input.**

Diocese of Maryland Youth Online

SMC youth are invited to join Kate Riley and your peers for games, check-ins, and prayers on Tuesdays and Thursdays from Noon-1:00 PM. Join the Online Youth Leadership Program on Tuesdays, 3:00 PM for Bible study, current events, leadership, and games. Contact Kate Riley, kriley@episcopalmaryland.org to join these virtual gatherings.

Sewing Missions News

Parishioners are ready to produce 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. [Click here to volunteer](#). To donate by credit card, please go to <https://onrealm.org/smcannapolis/Give>, **choose missions, and then note 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.** Thank you for your generosity to our neighbors!

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.

Education for Ministry (EfM) is now enrolling

Year-long classes are opening offering to participants in its Baltimore-based groups. EfM offers a four-year course of study that reviews Christian scripture, history, and theology and teaches a method to apply our Christian tradition to the experiences of our lives. The study is in a small-group seminar, meeting weekly at St. Margaret's on Wednesdays in the morning. The cost is \$375/year with scholarships. For more information, contact parishioner leader Jim Hall at jhall1942@verizon.net.

Fundraiser for Light House

Wherever you are in the world...enjoy your own scenic 5K, half marathon, or walking route for this virtual event to benefit the Light House shelter in Annapolis. Map your own course. Compete at your own pace. Report your time. Days to participate: Saturday, September 12 through Sunday, September 20. For those local to the Annapolis, MD area, in-person, drive-by packet pick up is on Saturday, September 12, from 8 am – Noon at the Light House Homeless Prevention Center, 10 Hudson St in Annapolis.



Third Sunday Band Participates in Celtic Worship Services

In collaboration with First Presbyterian our Third Sunday Band offers the first of a new series of Celtic worship services, "Justice & Peace," now available online. The service pays tribute to faith in God and is drawn from the liturgical traditions of Iona and Northumbria through prayers, community engagement, and music. The music at these services is contemplative and lively; the prayers, earthy, holy and inclusive; the service combines the meditative silence, the simplicity of utterance, and the faithful commitment to care for the earth and those within it.

VBS Available throughout Summer

We shared our virtual Vacation Bible School recently featuring the stories of Dr. Seuss. Children ages 3-9 enjoyed storytelling by the Rev. Patti, lesson from the Rev. Peter, a familiar song from St. Margaret's musicians and options for a snack, craft, and movement activity. Families can participate any time, any way they wish. We offer this to be optional for parents to participate at times that are convenient for them. Download the VBS videos and VBS booklet on our website VBS page.

Suicide Prevention Walk in Annapolis on Saturday, 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 www.afsp.org. **The group is also sponsoring a Virtual Talk: August 13, 7 pm**
Virtual Talk Saves Lives: An Introduction to Suicide Prevention - [Register Here](#)

Stewardship Story

St. Margaret's is greater than a "church that gives" – we are a compassionate, connected community. Reading last week's Dragon Tales, it is amazing to see all the meaningful work that our parish is doing despite the challenges of the pandemic. And even though we are doing a great deal, there are always opportunities to give your time, talent and treasure. Specifically:

Youth Formation: Gwen Davis continues her great leadership by designing a virtual Sunday School. And while Zoom will enable our kids to access lessons, we still need teachers for our middle schoolers. With the new format, you can record the lesson during the week as your schedule permits. Please email Patti if you'd like to learn more.

Sewing Mission: The Sewing Mission, led by Beth Kopack, continue to produce masks for local hospitals, helping to keep our medical heroes safe. Given the demand, the Mission could use help to cover the cost of materials. If you're able, please make a check to "St. Margaret's Church" with "Sewing Mission" in the memo line, or donate through Realm.

Pop-Up Pantry: Under the leadership of Diana Love, many of you have collected and delivered food and supplies to local families in need. The Pantry has grown, and while the Missions Commission provides the funding, volunteers are needed. To help with this effort, you can sign up online. Find the link in Dragon Tales.

Thank you to our leaders of these vital ministries, and thanks to all who contribute their time, talent and treasure. Because of you, St. Margaret's continues to be a compassionate, connected community.

God's Peace,
Doug Seybert

Please remember to give to St. Margaret's.
Mail checks to: St. Margaret's Church, 1601 Pleasant Plains Road, Annapolis, MD 21409;
Text GIVESMC to 73256; or
go to <https://onrealm.org/smcannapolis/Give>.

Services & posts appear on St. Margaret's Facebook Page (www.facebook.com/smcannapolis)

Send us Your Prayers

Please send your special prayer requests to the Rev. Patti at 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, Allen, Randy, Ruth, Barbara, Joe.

For those who have died: Nancy Drooff.

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www.st-margarets.org – 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