

Announcements December 16, 2018

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Sunday Services
7:30, 9:00, 11:15 a.m.

Wednesday Service
7:30 a.m. in Admin. Building

Formation Hour
Sept. - May at 10:15 to 11 a.m.

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Publication Deadlines

Dragon Tales Weekly E-News
Monday afternoons

Sunday Announcements
Wednesday mornings

Use Connect Cards in the Pews

- *Newcomers contact information
- *Prayer requests
- *Change in your contact information
- *Make altar flowers dedication
- *Request pastoral visit

This Morning — St. Nicholas Day!

We will have a special visitor for our younger parishioners this morning **at 10:20 a.m. in the Parish Hall**. We will learn all about the history of St. Nicholas before our visitor arrives. Please join us! There will be no Sunday School today.

Honor a Loved One This Christmas

Parishioners may order a poinsettia or wreath in honor of or in memory of a loved one to decorate the sanctuary for Christmas services. Remembrances will be notated in Christmas bulletins. To order, **fill out an order form found in the narthex and place with a check to "St. Margaret's Church" with "Christmas flowers" in the memo line**. You can also order by credit card on our church website. Please make sure you email your names to laura@st-margarets.org. **Orders due TODAY.**

*Giving Tree donations should be left by the tree in the narthex.

*For those providing holiday meal baskets to local families, please remember to pick up the turkeys/hams in the parish hall this morning.



St. Margaret's Guild Poinsettia Sale

The St. Margaret's Guild will hold their annual poinsettia sale this morning **during coffeeshour** (10:15 to 11 a.m.) Prices by size will be \$15, \$20, and \$25. Bring cash or a checkbook and come see the lovely plants in time for the holidays! Proceeds benefit the Guild's missions efforts.

Reminder -- Youth/Family Christmas caroling is today! Meet in the Parish Hall for a quick lunch after the 11:15 a.m. service. Participants will leave shortly after. For questions, look for youth ministries leader Jeff Conover.

A Quiet Christmas on Dec. 19

We offer a special service during the season for those who are finding it difficult to get through the holidays because of illness, loss, suffering, anxiety, or sadness. Join us for **A Quiet Christmas Eucharist at noon or 7 p.m.** where the hope and comfort of the Advent season is celebrated. Childcare will be provided at the 7 p.m. service.

Youth Missions Presentation

Kate Riley from the Diocese Youth program is coming down from Baltimore on Monday, Dec. 17 during youth group to present information on two summer youth mission opportunities that are open for our students. Parents of participants are encouraged to attend.

Call for Christmas Greens

Our Flower Guild makes its annual call for parishioners to bring in fresh greens, including holly or magnolia, to help decorate the church for Christmas. Please leave outside the church annex building no later than December 22.

Gift Cards for the Homeless

To help our homeless brothers and sisters, the Missions Commission is once again collecting small value gift cards (\$5 or \$10) for area restaurants and convenience stores. The gift cards will allow these men and women to purchase food or a hot cup of coffee and in some cases get out of the cold for a while. Cards go to Christine Feldmann or in her box in the church office.

Church Office Reminder

The church office will be open for appointments only now on Fridays. This will allow staff the flexibility to work on the weekends if needed. Parishioners are encouraged to use email and voicemail that day of the week.

Going to miss a Sunday service at St. Margaret's?

Though nothing replaces the feeling of attending a live service at St. Margaret's, we are now offering a livestream of Sunday service on our Facebook public page (www.facebook.com/smcannapolis). You can also find the entire service on our website the next day. Look for the Sunday Service green button at www.st-margarets.org.

End of Year Giving Information

*Please mail your final 2018 contributions so that the office receives them by Thursday, Dec. 27th.

Note: We will not be mailing end of year financial statements until January. If you wish to have your 2018 giving total emailed or mailed to you, please email Elizabeth Radley at Elizabeth@st-margarets.org or call the church office by Dec. 19th.

Did you know the IRS requires those over age 70.5 to withdraw a certain amount from their IRAs each year? Talk to your financial planner about possibly giving to St. Margaret's. You might avoid paying income taxes on the distribution!

Advent Study with Rev. Patti — Mondays AM & PM

Join us for a time of theological reflection during Advent using James A. Harnish's book "When God Comes Down" as a guide. We will meet on **Monday mornings at 10 a.m. in Classroom E** or during our **regular Monday night Faith and Fellowship gathering at 6:45 p.m.** Participants will spend time reflecting on scripture and God's presence in our lives. Books can be ordered at amazon.com.

Children's Epiphany Pageant Coming Soon

Our annual children's Epiphany pageant will be held on Sunday, January 6, Epiphany Sunday. Dress rehearsal will take place on Saturday, Jan. 5, 9:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall. Parent attendance and assistance would be greatly appreciated. The pageant will be held at 10:20 a.m. that Sunday in the Parish Hall. Assistance with costumes is needed, so if you are attending the 9 a.m. service, please make your way to the formation building once you have taken communion if you can help out. This year, Sierra Mullen will be taking the leadership role to organize the program.

Genealogical Society presentation in January

The Anne Arundel Genealogical Society is hosting a presentation on Thursday, January 3 at 7:30 pm at the Severna Park United Methodist Church, 731 Benfield Road. There is no charge and all are welcome — members and non-members alike. The program will focus on the **Exhumation of Sir Robert Eden presented by Michael Parker, which involved St. Margaret's Church.**

Tanzania Safari Update

St. Margaret's is preparing for an upcoming safari to Tanzania and visit to the Dangen Girls School (which St. Margaret's has supported financially). Three spots remain: one double room and one female share. Teri Priebe of King George Travel will come to St. Margarets during coffee hour **10:15 am on February 3** to collect passports to get the visas for everyone (She will also review the itinerary and give a talk on what to expect in that country. Contact Janice Roper Graham for more information at Janice@opp-llc.com.

Scheduling Notes:

There will be no Sunday School this morning, on December 30 or January 6. There will be Sunday School on December 23.

No Faith & Fellowship activities on Dec. 24 or Dec. 31.

Our 7:30 p.m. Christmas Eve service will be livestreamed on our Facebook public page:
www.facebook.com/smcannapolis.

Parish Prayer List

For your prayers: Amanda Freeland, Becky Morser, Mary Jane, Dolores "Dodie" Whitacre, Skip Wertman, John, Emily, Frank Lephew, Martha Smith, Carolyn Orahoad, Craig, Kathleen, Betty, Suzanne Killmon, Wendy, Michael Sears, Winifred Hardy, Sarah, Susan Clarke.

For those who have died: Will Hupp.

For long-term prayers: Helen, Joshua Stabile, Seamus, Joyce Hall, Suzi Jett, Jean Calderone, Sally Stephens, Ellis, Joseph Meany, Charles Rector, Danielle Krolick, Peg Gledhill, Jessie Howe, Olivia Ridenhour, Carol Saunders, Carol Ferguson, Sarah Holmes, Chanel Cassidy, Claire Wagner, Thomas Pederson, Katie Baker, David Baker.

For those in the military: Ryan, Nate, John, Geoffrey, Dave, Shelby, Staci, Christiaan, Josh, Evan, Jon, Tom, Richard, Keith, Sarah, Chris, Jay, James, Ross, Philip, Jacob, Pete, Michael, Tim, Ryan, Glen, Matthew, Steven, Daniel, Heidi, Garrett, Joel, Justin, Joshua, Zachary, Conrad, Jake, Kevin, Victoria, Amelia, Ben, David, Paul and their families.

A Note on Prayer Requests — We often remove prayer list names that have been on for a longer period of time. If a name has been taken off and you still want them on the list, email info@st-margarets.org. To add a name to the prayer list, please use our new prayer request forms (purple) in the pews (to put in the collection plate or give to clergy), make a request on our website using the "Prayer Request" green button toward the bottom of the homepage, or share with clergy.



Christmas @ St. Margaret's

A Quiet Christmas Service *

Wed., Dec. 19, — Noon & 7 p.m.

Christmas Eve Services

4:00*, 7:30*, 10:30 p.m.

Christmas Day Service

10:00 a.m.

Christmas Lessons & Carols *

9:00 & 11:15 a.m. on Dec. 30

with New Year's Brunch

in Parish Hall at 10:15 a.m.

Bring a breakfast casserole to share!

Children's Epiphany Pageant *

Sat., Jan. 5 — 9 a.m. in PH -Rehearsal with costumes

Sun., Jan. 6 — 10:15 a.m. — Performance

*Childcare provided at this service

The church office will be closed for visitors the week of Christmas. If you would like to stop by to add to your end-of-year giving, please email Elizabeth@st-margarets.org or office@st-margarets.org to see if a staff member will be on campus to assist you.