ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH
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Welcome Newcomers

If you are a newcomer to St. Margaret's, please ask an usher or greeter for a Newcomer's bag to take home with more information on St. Margaret's programs and events. And please fill out a newcomer's card located in the pews. You can put it in the collection plate or give it to clergy.

The Nursery is located in the annex building next to the sanctuary on the bottom floor.

Deadlines:
Dragon Tales—Monday afternoon
Announcements — Weds. morning

Prayers of the People

FOR YOUR PRAYERS: Amanda Freeland, Wayne Reinard, Al, Nancy, John, Kim, Michael Brogan, Katherine, Jessie, Nancy M., Thomas Roberts, Donald, Tucker, Linda Kessler, Suzanne Killmon, Marianne, Mary, Gerd Drooff, Kevin Wilkinson, Chris and Anna Driscoll, Catherine Kansa, Charles Rector, Elise Balcom.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: Bernadine Miller.

LONG-TERM PRAYERS: Nikki Traylor-Knowles, Danielle Krolick, Virginia Gallagher, Rosalie Levitas, Claire, Bob, Kennedy, Lisa Robbins, Peg Gledhill, Chanel Cassidy, Amelia, The Hardy & Parrilla Families, John Sidney McCain, The Clarke family, Jessie Howe, Barbara Ridout, Olivia Ridenhour, Thomas Pederson, Katy Baker, Bailey Lynne, B. J. Davidson, Kyle Alton, Joyce Hall, Jane Bowers, Richard Gragg, Mary Greene, Carol Saunders, Oakie O'Neale, Patricia Holmes, Carol Ferguson.

FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY: John B. Hardy, Geoffrey, Dave, Shelby, Staci, Christiaan, Josh, Evan, Jon, Tom, Richard, Keith, Sarah, Chris, Jay, James, Ross, Margaret, 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.

Today @ St. Margaret's

Re:Thinking Advent with the Rev. Peter Mayer
This morning we continue our RE:Thinking Advent program with Rev. Peter during coffeehour (10:30 to 11 a.m.) The program offers an interactive, new way of thinking about the season with concepts like worshipping fully, spending less, and giving more. Join us!

Christmas Giving Reminders
-Winter wear and gifts for local families should be placed under the tree in the narthex this morning.
-For those participating in our Christmas meal basket program, the Christmas hams are available in the parish hall today during coffeehour.

Christmas Caroling Today
St. Margaret's youth, families, and adults are going Christmas caroling today visiting parishioners who may have a hard time getting out and enjoying the sights and sounds of the season. Participants will meet following the 11:15 in the parish hall for a quick lunch. Following lunch, participants will head out to sing for approximately 90 minutes to two hours, depending on how many parishioners they visit. They will need drivers so please come if you can.

This Week @ St. Margaret's — A Blue Christmas Service—Weds., 3 p.m.
For most, Christmas is a joyful time, but for some, it can feel somber. The beautiful liturgy planned is for those who have lost, those who are ill, and those who are facing other challenges. Please join us (and invite anyone you believe could use this service) for a quiet service to reflect on a season of hope as well. A quiet tea reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall.

Advent Through the Psalms—Last class tomorrow

Join the Rev. Dr. Rhetta Wiley tomorrow at 6:45 p.m. for the completion of the study on the psalms for Advent. All are welcome to attend the Fellowship Dinner at 6 p.m. in the parish hall as well.

End-of-Year Giving Reminder

Please mail or drop off your final 2017 contributions so that the office receives them by Thursday, December 28th. If you have recently gifted stock to St. Margaret's, please make sure the church office knows it is from you to be credited to 2017. End of the year financial statements will be mailed the week of January 22, 2018.

Christmas Greens Needed—The Flower Guild of St. Margaret's is in need of Christmas greens including holly (especially variegated holly), magnolia, pine, boxwood, and pine roping to decorate the church for Christmas Please leave donations outside of the church annex doors (building next to church) by December 22.

Vestry Candidates for 2018 Being Sought

New vestry members will be voted on at the church's annual meeting on January 28. If you are interested in becoming a candidate, please contact nominations chair Ernie Tucker at est4@aol.com or let clergy know.

Senior Session on Jan. 2

The next Senior Session will be held Tuesday, January 2, at 10 a.m. in Classroom E in the formation building. All parishioners aged 65 or older are welcome to join the Rev. Peter Mayer in this time of prayer, bible study, and sharing.

Guild Meeting on Jan. 3

St. Margaret's Guild will hold their monthly meeting on Weds., Jan. 3 at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a bagged lunch, and after fellowship time, the meeting begins. Guest speaker will be Scott Gledhill discussing his volunteerism with an organization that involves veterans and sailing.

Sign up for Winter Relief

St. Margaret's will host up to 30 people who have no secure housing during the winter months. Over 100 volunteer spots are open for the week of Feb.12-20th. We need help with everything from meals to transportation to hosting and set up/break down. A link to the automated signup is available on the church's website on the bottom under "Quick Links" or find Judy Hall's sign up table during coffeehour on Sundays.

Grants Liaisons Needed

The St. Margaret's Endowment Grants Program is soon getting underway for the 2018 giving year. As part of the review process the committee depends on other members of the congregation to help out by being liaisons between the applicant and the church. The job is only a couple of months in Feb.-March. We need over 30 people for this task. Please contact Izzy Winn, Grants Administrator, to find out more at 410-849-2605 or e-mail ewinn421@gmail.com.

Upcoming Weekend Retreats at Claggett

Registration is now open for these annual offerings for women and men in our Diocese:
Women's Retreat: From Strength to Strength: Spiritual Resilience, Jan. 12-14. The Rev. Adrien Dawson, rector of All Saints' Parish, Frederick, will be the spiritual leader for the weekend.
Weekend for Women: Free & Clear, Jan. 19-21. Keynote speaker: The Rev. Dina van Klaveren, rector of St. Andrew's, Glenwood.
Men's Retreat: Sharing the Light of Christ: Opportunities from Abundance, Feb. 2-4. Keynote speaker: The Rt. Rev. Robert W. Ihloff, retired Bishop of Maryland.
Go to claggettcenter.org for more information.

Honor/Remember Loved Ones This Christmas

Honor a loved one this Christmas by purchasing and dedicating Christmas flowers or a wreath to beautify the sanctuary at Christmas time. Your dedication will be notated on Christmas bulletins. Costs are $**25** for a poinsettia and $**45** for a Christmas wreath. **Donations due TODAY.**

Enclosed is $_____ for _____ poinsettias and/or _____wreaths.

In honor of _____or in memory of_____

By_____

Checks should be made out to "St. Margaret's Church" with "Christmas flowers" on the memo line. You can put it in the offertory plate or drop it off in the church office. You can also purchase online using a credit card on the church's website — www.st-margarets.org. If you do email laura@st-margarets.org with names you want included.