

Announcements December 2, 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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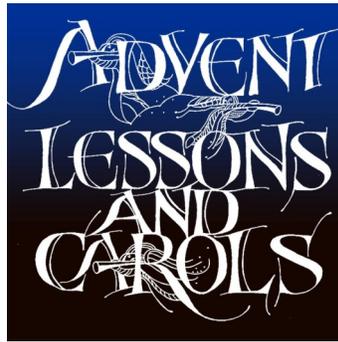
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Publication Deadlines

Dragon Tales Weekly E-News
Monday afternoons

Sunday Announcements
Wednesday mornings



Today—5:00 p.m. *Childcare provided

Possibly the best-known Christmas service in the Western world is the festival of Lessons and Carols. This service celebrates the birth of Jesus by telling the story of the fall of humanity, the promise of the Messiah, and the birth of Jesus in a series of short readings from the Bible. The readings are interspersed with carols, choral music, and congregational singing of hymns.

Newcomers Class Starting Tomorrow

The Rev. Peter Mayer will hold two Newcomers classes for those new to St. Margaret's and/or the Episcopal Church on Monday evenings, Dec. 3 & Dec. 17, 6:45 p.m. in Classroom C. Participants are welcome to attend the Fellowship dinner beforehand at 6 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

Holiday Meal Basket Volunteers Needed

The church family will again provide the main holiday meal for families or seniors on the Broadneck Peninsula this Christmas. We have received recipients names from Anne Arundel County Social Services and Broadneck Elementary School, our education partner. The Mission Commission and/or generous merchants in the area will provide the main meat; parish families will receive a family name, purchase, and deliver the other dinner items, UNCOOKED. Those parishioners interested in participating should contact Barbara Marder at scubaesc@aol.com or 410- 518-9978. We have learned that there are hundreds of names that Social Services is working on so the need this year is critical.

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 noted in Christmas bulletins. To order, **fill out an order form found in your bulletin this morning 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 Dec. 16.**

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.

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.

Use Connect Cards in the Pews

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

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

Stock or bond sales need to be initiated this week.

Automatic drafts from your bank need to be scheduled by you no later than December 14.

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!



The Youth Group will once again be sponsoring a giving tree in the narthex to solicit donations for hats, mittens, scarves etc. for students in our local public schools.

The tree will go up this week. Please take an "ornament" with specifics of what is needed and return to the tree unwrapped with the ornament attached by Dec. 16. Thank you for your generosity!

St. Margaret's Guild Poinsettia Sale

The St. Margaret's Guild will hold their annual poinsettia sale on Sundays, **Dec. 9 & 16 during coffeeshour** (10:15 to 11 a.m.) Prices by size will be \$15, \$20, and \$25. Bring cash or a check book and come see the lovely plants in time for the holidays!

St. Nicholas Day on Dec. 16

We will have a special visitor for our younger parishioners on **Sunday, Dec. 16, 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 that day.

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 with joy 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.

Evensong to Celebrate Bishop Chilton Knudsen's Ministry

A service to bid Bishop Knudsen's farewell will be held on **Sunday, December 16, at 5:00 p.m.** at the Cathedral of the Incarnation. A prelude will begin at 4:45 p.m. when the church banner procession line up begins. The prelude and service will be streamed live online. The link will be posted to the Diocesan website homepage, EpiscopalMaryland.org.

Stewardship 2019



The Vestry is beginning the budget process for 2019. Plan to give in 2019 but haven't made a financial pledge for 2019 yet? Pledge cards can be found in the pew pouches! Simply fill it out, fold, and place in the offertory plate.

Parish Prayer List

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

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.

Ushers Meeting on Dec. 9 — The Rev. Patti Sachs will hold a meeting for present ushers and those wishing to join the ushers team between the 9:00 & 11:15 a.m. services on Sunday, December 9th.

Scheduling Note: There will be no Sunday School on December 16, December 30, and January 6.



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