



### **Advent Through the Psalms—Monday Evenings Starting Tomorrow**

Join us on Monday evenings in December at 6:45 p.m. for a study on the psalms led by the Rev. Dr. Rhett Wiley. Participants will explore the tradition of praying the Psalms, first examining their composition and formation into the Psalter, then the range of Jewish and Christian interpretation, and finally discussing how to claim the psalms themselves and take their place in the ongoing community of psalmic prayer.

### **Advent Daily Devotions--Adults**

This year we offer daily devotional meditations for adults titled *Living Well Through Advent* from the Living Compass program. The booklets provide a foundation for seeking a deeper experience of the Advent season, an experience that will help prepare us for the true meaning of Christmas. Books are available in the narthex and church office.

### **Advent Daily Devotions—Families**

Families are invited to sign up for daily Advent posts from our Sunday School curriculum publishing site. When you sign up, you will receive a daily email during Advent that includes a Bible verse, ideas for family activities, and discussion questions. We know this is a busy season, so the devotionals can be completed in 5 minutes or less (even when you are on-the-go with your family!). You'll receive them in your inbox December 3 through Christmas Day. The link to sign up is listed in Dragon Tales, the Faith Families newsletter, and on our website homepage (under Quick Links).

### **Senior Sessions on Tuesday**

Our next monthly Senior Session with the Rev. Peter Mayer will be held THIS Tuesday, Dec. 5, 10 a.m., in Formation Building Classroom E. All parishioners aged 65 or older are welcome. It is a wonderful hour of sharing, prayer, and discussion. Please join us.

### **Youth Sponsors "Warm" Giving**

As the St. Margaret's Youth Group did last year, they are collecting hats, scarves, gloves (or mittens) and fleece blankets, to help 29 local middle school girls and boys - all neighbors of ours - stay warmer this year. The tree, located in the narthex, is loaded with ornaments made by the Youth Group. Each ornament lists what the requested item is, and whether it is for a boy or a girl, and what grade they are in. Please take an ornament (or several!) home with you this Sunday, and when you go out to do your family Christmas shopping, pick up the requested item(s). We ask that you bring the UNWRAPPED donations - with the ornaments - to the Narthex by Sunday, Dec. 17 December. The children will receive their gifts on the last day of school before the Christmas break. For questions, contact Jeff Conover, Youth Activities Coordinator, at [jeff@st-margarets.org](mailto:jeff@st-margarets.org).

### **Missions Project for Local Families**

In keeping with the spirit of Project 3.25, the Mission Commission is helping two local families for Christmas. You can help make the holidays brighter for these needy families by purchasing an item from their wish lists. Requested toys and clothes can be found on ornament tags placed on the Giving Tree in the narthex. Please take a tag, buy the item and leave it unwrapped (with the ornament tag attached) under the tree by Monday, December 18. Thanks for your generosity. Questions? Contact Christine Feldmann at [cduray@comcast.net](mailto:cduray@comcast.net).

### **Christmas Meals for Local Families**

Members of our parish are asked to help provide ingredients for holiday meals to local families and seniors this Christmas. The Missions Commission will provide the hams: we need parishioners to provide the side ingredients for the rest of the meal and deliver the food basket to the recipient a few days BEFORE Christmas. No cooking is involved! Baskets will be available for pick-up in the Parish Hall on Sunday, Dec. 17 or by separate arrangement. In advance, you will receive the name of your recipient and delivery instructions. To participate, contact Jan Little at 443-221-7231 or [jbl123md@yahoo.com](mailto:jbl123md@yahoo.com).

### **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 by Dec. 17.**

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](http://www.st-margarets.org).