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Religion, Spirituality, and Focus

By the Rev. Peter W. Mayer, Rector

Diana Butler Bass tells a story about being on a plane next to a television executive who asked what she did. "I write books", she answered. "About what?" "About religion." The executive answered "Oh, that's a bad brand. Now if you said you write about spirituality, well that's got legs. But no one wants to talk about religion."

And that may be. Some people don't want to talk about religion. But most of our conversations have something to do with spirituality at the deepest level. We talk over coffee about our relatives who live with cancer or Alzheimer's. What we are really talking about is life and death. We talk about the latest celebrity gossip. What we're really exploring is our place in the universe and perhaps concepts of ethics and justice. We talk about our favorite soccer team when what we're really talking about is shared experience and connection.

But it's true that people come to church less often. Life keeps getting busier, and it won't slow down. So how does our church attract, include and incorporate people who come to us for their spiritual needs? A wonderful idea came to Mary Parmer, from the Diocese of Texas. She has developed a ministry called Invite Welcome Connect which helps churches attract and connect with people in better ways. At St. Margaret's, I think this program can better systematize what we already do, as well as give us ideas to pick off some low-hanging fruit to be a more welcoming church:

- * Putting our service times on our banners;
- * Having newcomer-focused signage around our campus; and
- * Offering listening sessions and discernment tracks to develop spiritual gifts.

I'm excited to see us take some steps towards being a place where people can really get their hooks in us and stick around. You'll be hearing more about this initiative through the fall.

The ministries at St. Margaret's, from music to missions, from fellowship to formation, are all geared to transform lives in Jesus Christ. Not everyone is into that. Not every religion has that as its focus. How can we best show those in our community who may be spiritual but not religious all the wonders that await them in a life in Christ? That's a challenge for everyone here, and I hope you take it up with me.

Assistant Rector's Note



Learning and Relationships

By the Rev. Patti Sachs, Assistant Rector

As summer winds down, we start looking forward to an exciting fall! There will be some great opportunities for learning with the Thursday Morning Bible study group. We will begin with a study of the parables of Jesus using *Short Stories by Jesus*, by Amy-Jill Levine as our text. There are many sides, or facets, to be considered in a parable. It will have many possible meanings depending on who's listening to it, when and where they live and what their situation is in life. As is often said in biblical studies, a text without context is just a pretext for making it say anything one wants. So, it is important for us to listen to the parables in their original context, to understand the relationships between the people, what the cultural references are, etc.

Amy-Jill Levine is Professor of Jewish Studies at Vanderbilt Divinity School and College of Arts and Sciences, Affiliated Professor at the Centre for the study of Jewish-Christian Relations at Cambridge, and a self-described "Yankee Jewish feminist who teaches in a predominantly Christian divinity school in the buckle of the Bible Belt." *Sounds interesting, eh?!*

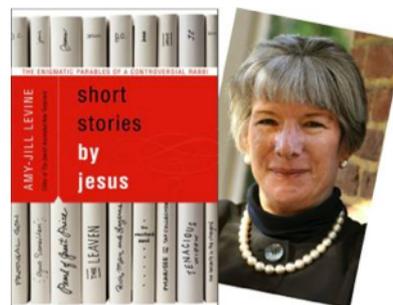
Our second study will begin in March, and move through Holy Week with J.D. Crossan and Marcus Borg's book *The Last Week*. This book will walk us day by day, hour by hour even, through Jesus' last week on earth as given to us in the Gospel of Mark. Stay tuned for more on that!

Thursday Mornings @ 9:15 to 11 a.m. - Classroom E
Starting Sept. 13 — Nursery care provided
All are welcome!

Our Thursday Morning Bible Study resumes in September with a focus on the book "Short Stories by Jesus" by Amy Jill Levine. In this wise, entertaining, and educational book, Levine offers a fresh, timely reinterpretation of Jesus' narrative where she analyzes problems with parables, taking readers back in time to understand how their original Jewish audience understood them. Levine reveals the parables' connections to first-century economic and agricultural life, social customs and morality, Jewish scriptures and Roman culture. With this revitalized understanding, she interprets these moving stories for the contemporary reader, showing how the parables are not just about Jesus, but are also about us—and when read rightly, still challenge and provoke us two thousand years later.

A limited number of books will be sold during coffeehour in the parish hall in August. Books can also be purchased at amazon.com.

The Seekers Sunday morning class from 10:15 to 11 a.m. in the admin. reception area will also be studying this book this fall.



YOU'RE INVITED
THE ORDINATION OF
THE REV. PATTI SACHS

SATURDAY, SEPT. 15, 11:00 A.M.
CATHEDRAL OF THE INCARNATION
4 E UNIVERSITY PARKWAY
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

TO ENSURE SEATING,
PLEASE BE THERE BY 10 A.M.

IF YOU WISH TO GET BUS TRANSPORT,
SIGN UP OR CALL CHURCH OFFICE.

NEW SENIORS TRIP!

**Monastery of the Holy Lands:
An Oasis of Peace
Washington, DC**

Sunday, Oct. 21



Join other parishioners as we visit the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Lands on Sunday, October 21. The monastery is in Washington, near Catholic University. After the 11:15 service, we will eat our lunch and watch a video in the Fellowship Hall before boarding our bus for a 3 p.m. tour of the monastery. The tour lasts about an hour. It is a fascinating and beautiful place. More information can be found on their website, myfranciscan.org.

NOTE: There will be a fair amount of walking, and while the church and most of the grounds are handicap-accessible, the tour includes the grottoes and some of the shrines, which are not. There are steps involved.

Email info@st-margarets.org or call the office to reserve your seat on the bus! Bus pricing will depend on the number of people who sign up. (More people, cheaper seats!)

Deadline is Friday, Oct. 1.



The Power of Stewardship



By Doug Seybert & Brad Callahan, Stewardship Chairs

Each year, stewardship provides an opportunity to express thankfulness for God's blessings. The spiritual commitment of pledging provides the resources for St. Margaret's Church to fulfill its mission of transforming lives in Christ through worship, formation and giving. This year, St. Margaret's Stewardship Campaign will highlight "The Power of Pledging."

So much of the St. Margaret's experience is powered through stewardship – our grants commission, children's formation programs, and the buildings and campus. Stewardship also provides resources for new staff additions, including Rev. Patti Sachs and our Facilities Assistant Jim Bowersox, and a healthy budget for a new music director. Stewardship also sustains our missions programs, locally and beyond, and energizes new initiatives in outreach.

As we embark on the 2019 Stewardship campaign, St. Margaret's extends a heartfelt "Thank You!" to everyone who contributed to the outstanding campaign of 2018 when you pledged \$837,166. This year, we are striving for \$910,000, an 8% increase from last year's Stewardship tally. This is an ambitious goal, but currently St. Margaret's is running a deficit budget. Thanks to the endowment we are able to continue to provide the support and services the community deserves. However, we are making an extra push this year to ensure we are reducing the draw on the endowment for operating expenses.

The campaign will kick off in September when all members will receive a pledge card in the mail, along with your current pledge statement for easy reference. More information will follow, and we will be hosting an adult formation session September 23rd to discuss and provide more information on how this year's campaign can support the mission of St. Margaret's.

If you have any questions about Stewardship, please contact us: Brad Callahan (brad@tanvip.com; 443.326.3333) or Doug Seybert (doug_seybert@yahoo.com; 703.599.8746), or go to the Stewardship page under the "GIVING" tab on the St. Margaret's website.

Welcome Our New Music Director

A New Jersey native, **Jim Douglas** enjoys an active career as a church musician, professional singer, keyboardist, conductor and composer/arranger. He most recently served as Director of Music Ministry at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, Pennington, NJ, as parish organist, director of three choirs and overseer of the development of a graded chorister program for children and youth, an expansion of regular liturgical offerings and a sacred music internship.



Prior to his appointment at St. Matthew's, Jim was Director of Music and Organist at St. James' Church, Long Branch, NJ, where he served as parish organist, choirmaster and cantor. There he established a high school choral scholar program, reestablished a children's choir and coordinated a highly-regarded recital and concert series.

Jim received his initial musical training at Saint Thomas Choir School in New York City and became head treble chorister in the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys under Gerre Hancock, singing five weekly services and more than 400 choral pieces each season. He performed with the likes of Carly Simon and Jessye Norman, and can be heard as a treble soloist on the recording "Christ the Fair Glory." He studied multiple instruments and played and conducted for weekly chapel services while in high school at Saint James School, Hagerstown, MD, studying voice with Corey Rotz and keyboard with Susan Gable and Barbara Wischmeier. He studied sacred music, organ, piano, voice and conducting at Westminster Choir College, Princeton, NJ, and was a soloist in several of the school's renowned ensembles. Conducting, vocal and keyboard studies were with James Jordan, Thomas Faracco and Eric Plutz.

Jim has performed under such renowned conductors as Robert Spano, Neeme Järvi, Rafael Frühbeck de Burgos, Lorin Maazel, Harry Bicket, Joseph Flummerfelt, Joe Miller, Andrew Megill and John Scott, among others, and has performed, recorded and toured with numerous ensembles, including the Saint Thomas Choir, Trinity Wall Street Choir, Vox Vocal Ensemble, Kinnara Ensemble and the Westminster Choir, among others. He has also performed in American premieres of choral works by John Tavener and Tarik O'Regan.

He has served on the Bishop's Advisory Commission on Music for the Episcopal Diocese of New Jersey and is an active member of the Association of Anglican Musicians (AAM) and the Royal School of Church Music (RSCM) in America. He has served on the music faculty of the RSCM America King's College Course since 2010 and will serve as Director of the 2018 Diocese of New Jersey Summer Choir Camp in Cape May, NJ.

Jim's family includes wife Abbie, son Oliver, 2, and daughter Charlotte, 2 months.

Please welcome Jim on his first day at St. Margaret's — Sunday, September 30th.



Ensemble Galilei CD Premiere Concert @ St. Margaret's Sept. 9 — 7 p.m.

From Carolyn Surrick
Parishioner & Ensemble Galilei Member

Late last year, in a moment of clarity, the musicians of Ensemble Galilei agreed that it was time to make a difference. Music is always a good way to change the world, but this time, the group had something different in mind. They met in Chicago in January to create the new project, *Between War and Here*, and then went into the studio in February to record their new CD, *The Flowers of the Forest*.

Their new show will tour on the west coast in early November, but **the CD release concert for *The Flowers in the Forest* will be in the sanctuary of St. Margaret's Church on Sunday, September 9, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.** Tickets are \$25 or \$20 for students and seniors.

This date is important for two reasons: it is the Sunday immediately before 9/11, when Americans are always reminded of the sacrifices made by so many service members and their families; it is also the day of the battle of Flodden, a battle in which ten thousand Scottish soldiers lost their lives and about which the song, *The Flowers of the Forest*, was written.

In Annapolis we are ever mindful of the lives of warriors and their families. We see the young midshipmen every year, we have friends who serve at Fort Meade or in Washington, we sit in the pew next to retired navy commanders.

Ensemble Galilei is asking that on the St. Margaret's concert day, you consider making a contribution to the Special Operations Warrior Foundation. As they tour this fall, some of the proceeds from every concert will go to support the families of fallen warriors. It's time to make a difference.

BETWEEN WAR & HERE

Featuring Ensemble Galilei and
NPR Correspondents Neal Conan and Anne Garrels

War is not an abstraction. And the wounds of war don't stop at the warrior. They reverberate through families and communities.

Between War & Here is a powerful new collaboration between journalists and musicians, exploring honor, courage, loss, and hope. With music, poetry, and memoir, and featuring two of NPR's most storied war correspondents, this extraordinary work of art is as mesmerizing as it is timely.

Neal Conan and Anne Garrels have covered wars and conflicts around the world. They have been in the middle of firefights, they have seen war, lived it, and been changed by it. Ensemble Galilei members Sue Richards and Carolyn Surrick spent seven years of Fridays playing for wounded warriors and their families at The Walter Reed National Military Medical Center.

Between War & Here. This is who Ensemble Galilei is - five brilliant, masterful musicians with a keen ear for the ways that music can amplify, intensify, and reveal the human heart. Every moment of this project is real and true. And deeply personal.

All performances of **Between War & Here** will benefit Special Operations Warrior Foundation.



Music Coffeehouse
hosted by the Third Sunday Band
Saturday, Oct. 27 - Parish Hall
Doors open at 6:30 p.m.
Music begins at 7:00 p.m.
All welcome!



Missions News

A Summer of Outreach

By Christine Duray Feldmann, Missions Committee Chair

In these turbulent times, the St. Margaret's community is working to serve our neighbors. Most recently, backpacks and school supplies were collected from dozens of parishioners to help students at Broadneck Elementary. Thanks to Barbara Marder for her efforts to led this important mission.

In early August, the annual Camp Allen program served Latino children in the Annapolis area. More than 40 volunteers created a summer camp experience for over 60 young residents of the Allen Apartments. The children enjoyed games, crafts, fellowship and field. Sarah Hyde and her team deserve our appreciation for another successful program.

The July Lighthouse Shelter food collection also proved very successful with 262 bags going to bolster the supplies of the organization's food pantry. The program supports the working poor of Anne Arundel County. Thank you for your generosity.

Building on the success of last year's citizenship classes at the Center of Help/Centro de Ayuda St. Margaret's volunteer teachers are preparing for their second semester helping recent immigrants prepare for the national citizenship test. The group includes: Beth Arruda, Kate Caldwell, Kate Callahan, Cindy Farris, Ann Lallande, Richard Schwappach, Robert Thomas, Joanna Tillman, and a member of Annapolis Unitarian Church. Over the summer, the group continued to tutor one student before she took her citizenship test, which she successfully passed in July. The group expects to have 10-15 students this semester and hopes more will take their tests in the coming months.

St. Margaret's also sponsored a candidate forum on affordable housing in the county. With the Anne Arundel County Affordable Housing Coalition and led by parishioner Harry Caldwell, more than 200 people listened to candidates for various local office share their thoughts on the need for affordable housing.

A cohort of more than a dozen parishioners delivered ice to area homeless during the hot summer months. The group includes: Paul O'Donnell, Russell Jackson, Stacia Bontempo, Robert Thomas, Stephanie Ceruolo, Fran Becker, Janice Roper Graham, Jim Hall, Web Chamberlin, Justyn Kopack, John Koloski, Stacy Canuel and Ray Feldmann. Deliveries are made once a week to three camps-two in Annapolis and one in the Glen Burnie/Pasadena area.

The Open Table program is underway. This year-long process matches a team of volunteers with a recently homeless person. The group meets weekly to help the "brother or sister" develop and implement a plan for an independent and fulfilling life.

The Mission Commission sponsored the first Open Table which includes four St. Margaret's parishioners: Chair Beth Arruda, Sam Sloan, Roz Dov and Janice Roper-Graham, along with three people from the local Annapolis Friends group.

The team, after eight hours of training, is working with their "brother" to develop goals and to map out the steps needed to implement his goals. Keep this group in your prayers.

Thanks to all the hundreds of parishioners who regularly support the work of the Missions Commission and provide their own outreach to the community around them. We are truly a blessed and blessing church!



MISSIONS FAIR

Sunday, October 21
10:15 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Learn about our church's mission efforts
locally and around the world

ST. MARGARET'S GRANTS UPDATE

In 2013, St. Luke's Episcopal Church of Annapolis sought and received a \$3,600 grant from St. Margaret's to fund the permit process to begin a restoration process of the stream bed that crossed the St. Luke's property in Eastport. The following year the St. Margaret's Grants Committee awarded "The Restoration of Nature" project, a \$10,000 grant for start-up funds. Now five years later the project is complete. Bishop Sutton will preside at the dedication of this restored watershed on September 9 at 1:30 p.m.



Thursday, Oct. 4 — 6:30 p.m.
on campus weather permitting or in Parish Hall

Bring your pets for a special blessing in this annual service honoring the feast day of Saint Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals and the environment. All pets should be on leash or in cages.



**All Saints
 Dixieland Mass
 Sunday, Nov 4
 9 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.**



A musical tradition and celebration at St. Margaret's



All are welcome to join the St. Margaret's Guild who meet every first Wednesday of the month from Sept. through June. Bring a packed lunch to the Fellowship Hall at 11:30 a.m. Dessert and drinks provided. Guest speaker for Wed., Sept. 5 is the Rev. Patti Sachs.

Foyers Social
Sunday, September 16 — 3 to 5 p.m.
Parish Hall

Bring an appetizer or dessert to share.
 For more information on foyers groups or to RSVP,
 email vdtorrence@verizon.net.

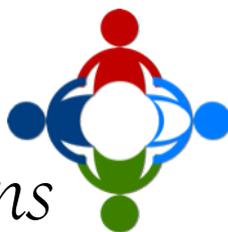


get your
Flu
 &
Shot
Pneumonia



Sunday, Sept. 30
 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
 Fellowship Hall
 from Walgreens (Taylor Ave)
 Bring your insurance card

*Senior
 Sessions*



For parishioners 65+

Meet with clergy, discuss the Gospel lesson of the week, share and pray for individual joys and challenges

1st Tuesday of the month
starting Sept. 4
Classroom E
Formation Building



1st Saturday of Each Month
9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Admin. Reception Room
All skill levels welcome!

Join our group of committed knitters who lovingly prepare prayer shawls for those who are experiencing illness, challenges, or the joys of baptism.

Day School

A Busy Fall for St. Margaret's Day School

By Tricia McVeigh, SMDS Director



SMDS has had an exciting summer of exploring, playing, building and learning at our theme-based summer camps. At one point we had 160 students on campus!

Our school year begins after Labor Day on Sept. 4. Our enrollment is just about at capacity. Our "Meet the Teacher Day" is Friday, August 31. Our "Back to School Night" is Tuesday, Sept. 25th.

We head to the farm with a field trip to Greenstreet Gardens on Oct. 5th. We will host open houses for potential new families on Oct. 11th from 9:15 to 11:15 a.m., and the school's board and parish vestry visitation day is on the 12th. Our yearly Halloween parades will take place on the 30th for the two-year-olds and on the 31st for the remaining students. School will be closed on October 21 for a teacher in-service day.

The school will be closed for Election Day, November 6. That month, we will host Grandparents' Day and the Scholastic Book Fair on the 8th and 9th of November. Parishioners are welcome to come shop for books (a great idea for Christmas presents) on those days, with a portion of the proceeds going to the school.

The school and parish will partner to provide two new ways for students and families to become more involved in parish life. Pastor Peter will provide blessings to the pets of Day School families on Thursday, Oct. 4 at 9 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Day School students will also be invited to attend a "Communion Celebration" on Saturday, Nov. 17 at 9:00 a.m. with Pastor Peter explaining the process of the Eucharist to young learners who will then take communion at the Nov. 11 services.

All parishioners are welcome to attend a Parent Education Workshop on "screen sense" or how parents can better use technology as a teaching tool for their children. The workshop will be held on Wednesday, October 10 at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Nursery care will be provided!

www.stmargaretsdayschool.org



Formation Continues in Summer

Summer is usually a time for a break in learning with family vacations, weekly camps, part-time jobs, and outdoor time with friends. But this summer, St. Margaret's continued to provide formation opportunities for our young children and youth.

Vacation Bible School 2018

St. Margaret's hosted an environmentally-focused Vacation Bible School in June for over 60 children from preschool-grade 4. Based on Jesus' parable of the sower, students explored how they can support God's creation in a personal, community and global way.

We thank the 25+ volunteers who led lessons and activities for our students. We also extend our appreciation to those who worked behind the scenes with decorations, supplies and snacks.

A special thank you goes Al Todd for leading music and Julie Svendsen for being our daily storyteller, as well as St. Margaret's Guild which provided the t-shirts and St. Margaret's Day School whose counselors led the groups through each day's activities.

Youth Mission Trip 2018

Members of St. Margaret's youth traveled with Youth Ministries Coordinator Jeff Conover in July to the Carolinas to roof, replace floors, tape drywall, and complete a list of other chores on a home that had been damaged by Hurricane Matthew in 2016.

Jeff said, "This IS a transformative experience; from overcoming fears to making people connections we could never make outside of this experience. In many ways this is simply a vehicle for us to use for personal growth."



Children & Youth



Our Sunday School Open House will be on September 9 and the first day of class will be on September 16 between services (10:15 – 11 am).

This year in Sunday School our youngest parishioners (ages 3 to 1st grade) will continue working through the Godly Play curriculum. Our 2nd to 3rd grade class will again work with the Spark, Activate Faith program. Our upper elementary and middle school classes will begin working with a new program called Feasting on the Word. This program takes one of the readings we have in church each week and suggests activities, questions, and discussion to help understand scripture and its meaning in our everyday life.

Remember to register your children for Sunday School online at www.st-margarets.org.

HELP WANTED

We always have room for more teachers and assistants in our Sunday School programs! This year we have a few spaces we need to fill:

4th – 5th Grade Class Teacher and Middle School Class Teacher: We'd like at least two additional teachers for each class. Children in these classes are at a great age to work with, and we have two experienced teachers already leading each class who can show you the way. You'll be needed in class only two Sundays per month and you can work with your partner to decide who leads the class. If you want to try sitting in with a class to see how wonderful, rewarding, and easy it can be or if you're ready to dive right in, please contact the Rev. Patti Sachs (patti@st-margarets.org).

Godly Play Door Person: This is a critical role but requires no prep time. Or, if you're interested in storytelling, you're welcome there too! We'll be having an orientation for Godly Play teachers and door people on September 9 at 12:30. Contact Gwen Davis (gwen@llamaworks.com) for more information.

Children's Chapel also begins on September 9 during the 9:00 service.

Children's Chapel Leader Needed: Commitment is only for one Sunday per month (Sept. - May) in the middle of the 9:00 service working with children ages 2nd grade. Materials are provided for weekly suggested story and activity. Your partner will lead the group in song. For more info, please contact Emily DelSordo (emilypdelsordo@gmail.com).



WANTED: Acolytes for 9:00 & 11:15 a.m. Services

We are in need of children from the ages of 7 and up to serve as acolytes for both 9:00 and 11:15 a.m. Sunday services. Acolytes are the service participants who carry the crosses, candles, and other items in procession, and who help in a number of important ways throughout the service. Becoming an acolyte is a great way to get involved and to learn more about Episcopal worship. For more information or to sign up, contact Julie Svendsen at julesannap@yahoo.com or 443-449-9180.



sun., aug. 26
10:15 a.m.
parish hall



We encourage students of all ages to bring in their backpacks on Sunday, Aug. 26 during coffeeshour. The Rev. Peter W. Mayer will spend time and dialogue with students about their hopes, their anxieties, and their relationships with their peers and teachers for the upcoming school year. A blessing will also be provided over their backpacks.



Nightwatch NYC: Pilgrimage to St. John the Divine **November 9-10, 2018 (grades 6-12)**

Bus provided, leaving Maryland Friday at noon - Saturday 5:00PM

Cost: \$95 Deadline: October 24th

Nightwatch Crossroads is a Friday evening and overnight spiritual retreat for middle and high school age students, youth groups and their adult chaperones. Participants will have the opportunity to unplug from the distractions and stresses of daily life to connect with God and one another in the sacred space of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine. Nightwatch has created a safe, spirit-centered program of joyful fellowship, contemplative contemporary spiritual direction, devotional singing, and lots of fun activities. And the next day participants explore some of the sights of the Big Apple.

Bishops' Unplugged: Fall **November 17, 2018 (grades 6-12)**

Saturday 2:00PM - 5:00PM

Cost: \$5



Spend the afternoon with both bishops in fellowship and fun! Hosted in part by St. John's, Hagerstown, the event is a revamp of the annual Bishops' Bash. Participants will gather for a few hours of music, Bible study, and time to talk with their bishops. All adult leaders are requested to join participants for a special gift and prayers of thanks!



Children's Eucharist Celebration

The Rev. Peter W. Mayer will once again provide an interactive learning session for children on the meaning of the Holy Eucharist. Participants should meet in the sanctuary with parents on Saturday, Nov. 17, at 10 a.m. Then students will be able to take a special communion at both the 9:00 a.m. or 11:15 a.m. services on Sunday, Nov. 18. For more information or to let Rev. Peter know if your children can participate, email peter@st-margarets.org.



Calling all Godly Play teachers, parents with children enrolled in the class and all other interested folks!

There will be an orientation to this wonderful curriculum on Sept. 9th at 12:30 p.m. The session will last about 2 hours, with a break for lunch (provided). Childcare will be available. Please RSVP for this important and informative session to Gwen Davis at gwen@llamaworks.com. Join us!

History & Archives

Join us for a "Tour of Our Home--326 Years on the Broadneck Peninsula" on **Sunday, October 7**, at 10:20 in the Fellowship Hall of the formation building. Bring your coffee or tea along and view the virtual tour of the sights of our area with narration by the members of the History and Archives Project. Receive your copy of the photos, maps and directions for you to do your own driving tour at another time. There will be an opportunity for questions about our local area and St. Margaret's role in the community.



Join us following the 11:15 service (approximately 12:30) on the same day for a historical tour of the church and grounds followed by a drive down Pleasant Plains Road to the Hollywood Farm for descriptions of archaeological work of the first settlement of Providence that has been done in the area by county archaeologists. We will have an opportunity to see this 125 acre working farm where "Katadhin sheep are raised, a small flock of chickens, many border collies, and a few barn cats." Check their website at hollywoodfarm.com. There are community gardens and a flower garden on the farm. Tour is open to all ages.

If you plan to join the farm tour, please email Barbara Breeden at bkbreeden@comcast.net by Friday, October 5 so that we have a headcount for the owners.

A NEW CLASS OF DAUGHTERS OF THE KING IS NOW FORMING

An informational meeting will be held at St. Margaret's Church, October 2, 2018, at 6:30 p.m.

Founded in 1885, the mission of The Order of the Daughters of the King is to be an extension of Christ's Kingdom through daily prayer, service, and evangelism. The All Saints in Prayer Chapter welcomes all women from the Episcopal churches in the greater Annapolis area. Our current members worship at St. Philip's, St. Margaret's, St. Luke's, St. James, and St. Anne's. There is a 12 session discernment class for women who are interested in joining the Order, to learn about the Order, and to allow time for reflection. Following the discernment class, those who desire to become members participate in a service to make their vow and become part of the Order. The vow is a restatement of our baptismal and confirmation promises.

There are over 22,000 Daughters in the U.S. and around the world. The Order is a caring community of women who support each other in our faith journey and who work to strengthen our parishes. We find the Order of the Daughters of the King to be a haven in a busy world – a place to be together in Christ's love. We invite you to join us! For more information, contact Pam Roth at 410-353-6774 or at rothsbythebay@verizon.net.



**Adult
Education**

**Faith &
Fellowship**

MONDAY NIGHT CLASSES - Fellowship Dinner 6 p.m. - Class at 6:45 p.m.

Fall 2018 will feature a variety of offerings on Adult Faith and Formation Mondays. Rev. Peter Mayer will begin our sessions with a discussion of the Gospel of Mark on September 17 to introduce some upcoming Sunday scripture readings. Al Todd will be screening a movie on environmental issues on October 15 when he will show "An Inconvenient Sequel" about the continuing battle to promote awareness of climate change, with another film of this type to be shown on November 12. There will be other offerings on church history together with some more sessions of the "Living the Questions" series hosted by Valery Weekley. Finally, we will mark Advent with a four part series also led by Valery between November 26 and December 17.

Getting to Know You

by Jim "Tug" Knorr, parishioner

Newcomers to St. Margaret's and parents Amy and Ryan Smith make it a point to bring their two-year-old son Wes to the 9:00 a.m. Sunday services because:

1. Wes feels comfortable with all of the youngsters who also attend that service;
2. His parents (with dad being a new chaliceist every now and then and mom Amy helping out with the Altar Guild), are a big part of the whole communion process;
3. The Third Sunday Band's music makes him very happy; and
4. The Revs. Peter and Patti wear cool duds.



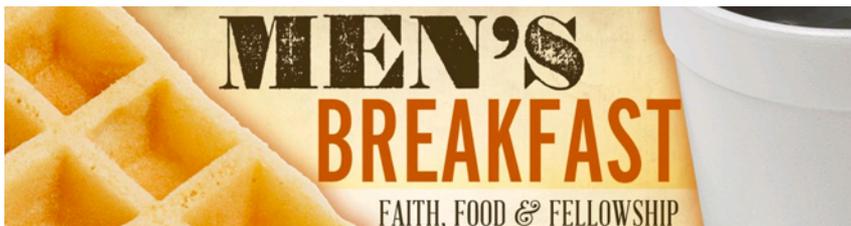
Though Wes is already happy here at the Sunday services at SMC, the Smith Family are expecting another family member to introduce in November.

Amy was born in Kansas in (would you believe) Protection, KS, and Ryan in Pensacola, Florida. They officially met in Pensacola where Ryan attended Pensacola Christian College, followed by Dallas Theological Seminary, and where Amy went to a local nursing school. After locating to Maryland, he works for an engineering equipment company, and she works for Anne Arundel Medical Center.

Ryan has been a cycling fan for many years and would rather watch the Tour de France than any other sporting event. Fancy coffee and craft beer are much to his liking, too.

Amy grew up as a rancher and her early life as a cowgirl led to her love for the outdoors. She has run many half-marathons. She also loves cooking and works on her unique recipes, much to Ryan's liking.

Despite having lived in Maryland for a few years now, the local sports teams have not caught on with them just yet. Amy has remained a loyal Kansas City Royals baseball fan, and both she and Ryan have been supporting the NFL Kansas City Chiefs team .



All male parishioners are welcome!

Saturday, October 6 — 9:00 a.m.

River Bay Roadhouse - Cape Center

Please RSVP with Tug Knorr at tugknorr@aol.com.

Blue Jean Sunday

Sunday, Oct. 28

Wear your work clothes to church

Bring your tools, gloves, etc.

Meet during coffeeshour to get work assignments

Green Team

News from the Green Team By Al Todd, Chair



The Green Team is looking for new members and a new Team Leader. We have accomplished so much in creating a green campus, and I know one of you is ready to take the lead. Work on our native plant gardens has really paid off and they are flourishing with a summer of good rain. Monarch and other butterflies and honey bees are a constant presence in our native landscaping. Please thank Len Morgan for the addition of two beautiful benches to the garden behind the Admin Building. Our Forest Conservation area is beginning to mature and most trees are now needing very little maintenance. The new challenge is the vine-covered area behind the playground and developing a master plan for use of the field.

Parish Hall lighting is being converted from halogen to LED in August. By this Fall, with support of the Buildings & Grounds Committee, almost all of our campus lighting will have been converted to LED lights, saving energy and reducing carbon emissions.

This Spring we had a very successful Monday Night Film Series and look forward to hosting a couple more Films this Fall. Mark your calendars for October 15th and November 12th. Rev Peter will also be participating in the national "Climate in the Pulpit" and will be preaching about Climate Change and Caring for Creation on Sunday, October 8th.

News from the Third Sunday Band

Even though we took the months of July and August off from services at St Margaret's, it has been a very busy summer for the band. We have played for some very special services including funerals and had the pleasure of providing music for a very special wedding renewal of vows and an Annapolis House Concert.

Our "Peace" CD Project(CD #5) for the Christmas season has been going full speed, and we are now beginning to wrap up the studio work on recording and mixing and move on to CD production. We will have the CD ready by November 1 for sale. A very BIG thank you to the many SMC faithful who were generous in helping us by making an advance purchase of the CD or making a donation through our GOFUNDME website (<https://www.gofundme.com/peace-music-project?member=55390>). For all of you dedicated supporters there will be a special party to release the CD. See anyone in the Band for more information.



United Thanks Offering — UTO Offering — November 2018

St. Margaret's Guild will sponsor a weekly collection to support the Episcopal Church's United Thanks Offering. Parishioners are encouraged to place spare change in designated blue boxes daily in thanks of your blessings. All collections will go to the national drive supporting church projects around the world.



Episcopal Refugee and Immigration Center Alliance (ERICA) is among the 2018 United Thank Offering (UTO) grant recipients. The \$14,420 grant will be used to offer a place of refuge, welcome, and community connection for asylum seekers at Gilead House, the former rectory of St. Mark's on-the-hill, Pikesville. UTO's August e-Newsletter presents faith formation, gratitude-based stewardship program materials for the upcoming program year.

Tanzania Trip March 2019

St. Margaret's Missions Commission members are leading a group to Tanzania on March 7-20, 2019. The all-inclusive trip will include a safari visiting the most beautiful spots of the Serengeti and a three-day visit to the Dageno Girls Center. Dageno has been a St. Margaret's grant recipient since 2014 but this is the first time we've visited in person. The itinerary has been planned and will be led by Teri Priebe of King George Travel—a very experienced TZ tour operator.

A \$500 deposit secures your space now. Space is VERY limited! For more information, go to our website at www.stmargarets.org and click on the Missions tab at the top.



Endowment Grants Deadline — Nov. 30, 2018

The Missions Committee welcomes nonprofits locally, regionally, and around the world to submit grant proposals that meet the criteria of the church's annual Endowment Grants program. Proposal guidelines and information can be found on our church website at www.st-margarets.org under the missions tab at the top. Grant applications will soon be available for download on the website. For more information, email missions@st-margarets.org.

Thanksgiving Donations



St. Margaret's will once again solicit food donations from parishioners to provide ingredients for a Thanksgiving dinner for local families in need. The St. Margaret's Missions Committee provides the turkeys. Parish volunteers are asked to provide an assigned list of side items. Volunteers are also needed to deliver meals. Look for more information in upcoming church announcements and in Dragon Tales.

To participate, contact parishioner Barbara Marder at scubaesc@aol.com.





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