



St. Margaret's Church  
Annapolis, Maryland

# The Spire



Fall 2021

## A Note from the Rector

By the Rev. Peter W. Mayer

Do you ever have days where the first bit of information you digest is an unwelcome one? It could be a text on your phone, or a story you hear on the news while you pour your coffee. You may say, "Oh, it's gonna be one of those days," or like me recently, "When are we gonna realize the way of love is the only way?"



Since music is a healing art form, I've found myself listening to old Phish jams this summer. I think the extemporaneous nature of the songs like *Chalk Dust Torture* and their covers of *Crosseyed and Painless* open up new possibilities in my mind. Things will get better, even if they get worse in the short term. These jams make me remember to dance, to wait patiently and actively for the new thing that God is doing in the world.

Amid the competing existential crises of the Delta Variant, climate degradation, Afghanistan and Haiti, and our political descent, I continue to be proud of our work as a church. In late July, we gathered in numbers not seen since coming inside. We sang! God was praised! Even though we all wore masks! It filled me with hope that even through the slow summer months, we know as a community what we are here for.

There were four projects that I wanted to work on this year. Back in January, when we transitioned in leadership from our outgoing senior warden Paul O'Donnell to our current senior warden Kristen Berthelotte and from our outgoing junior warden Steve Brennan to our current junior warden Paul Schurke, I said that this year we needed to get a new organ, get on city water, solidify our livestreaming and begin the work of studying reparations at St. Margaret's Church. To myself, I said that ANY of those projects would be a worthy task by themselves. Yet, in the midst of our locked-down winter and our busy and hopeful spring, we've received over \$330,000 and pledged over \$380,000 towards our new organ which will be installed this fall and winter. We've done all we can do towards the city water hookup, and are only waiting for the county to "release the project." (If you live in Anne Arundel County, you know.) Our livestream is up and running and getting close to 100 views per Sunday.

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# Staff Notes



## All About the Love

By The Rev. Patti Sachs, Associate Rector

As we look forward to fall - cooler weather, homework (?), maybe some routine in our lives, we can be grateful for our parish community and for all we have meant to each other during these Covid days. We have kept in touch. We have served our community. We have checked on our neighbors, and when we could, visited with those unable to get out. We do this out of love.

I am especially grateful for the love in this parish. Our concern not only for our community, but for the wider world and ALL people in it is evident in the choices we make – how we shop, where we shop, who we give grants to, who we teach our children about – all of that is evidence of a giving love.

I am grateful to God for love, for giving us Jesus to show us how and why to love. “We love because he first loved us.” (1 John 4:19) A friend once asked me, “Patti, my grandchildren are just so loving. Why do they love me so much?” I thought immediately of that verse from 1 John. I said, “Beverly, all they have ever known from you is love. They love you because you love them SO MUCH!”

This is true for all of us. God loves us SO MUCH! If we could only keep that thought in our hearts, we would have abundant love to share with others. We would have abundant love for ourselves and be less apt to feel that deep hunger we’ve been talking about in our Bread of Life series from the Gospel of John. If we will feast on the love that is offered, we can go a long way to healing ourselves and our world.

So, as we patiently wait for it to be safe enough for us to begin our fall programming, let’s be grateful for each other, for love, and for the opportunity to give back some of what we have been so freely given.



## Music Program Resource

By Jim Douglas, Director of Music

As many of you have seen in recent weeks, our church website has been given a fresh update with a new look to the homepage and easier ways to navigate the website’s content.

With one or two clicks of the mouse, one can really see everything that St Margaret’s has to offer, from worship to formation to fellowship.

One of the tabs on the homepage highlights “Worship,” the category under which music at St Margaret’s falls. I would encourage you to have a look at the newly reorganized music page, [www.st-margarets.org/music.html](http://www.st-margarets.org/music.html). It goes into great detail discussing all aspects of our music ministry, including our ensembles, special liturgies, varied programs and concerts. As we look to rebuild our program, I would ask that you share this page and its information with anyone who may find interest in the community, fellowship and spiritual nourishment that being a part of what our music program provides.

## NEEDED: WORSHIP LEADERS

We welcome new volunteers to help lead Sunday worship services:

\*Ushers (9:00 & 11:15 a.m.)

Greet congregants, lead congregants through Eucharist, distribute bulletins, implement security protocols

\*Readers (9:00 & 11:15 a.m.)

Read the Lessons, Psalms, and Prayers of the People

\*Acolytes (9:00 & 11:15 a.m.)

Children ages 7-18 assist clergy in multiple ways during the service learning leadership skills.

\*Altar Guild (monthly team)

Prepare the altar and Eucharist every four weeks with an assigned team

To volunteer, contact the Rev. Patti Sachs at [Patti@st-margarets.org](mailto:Patti@st-margarets.org).

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Finally, our Trust, Reparations and Reconciliation Task Force has been meeting for several months to discuss steps forward around formation and possibilities for repairing the breach of racial injustice.

As I said, any of those projects could've taken a year of work. This church has moved the ball forward almost to completion on all of them in just seven months. During a pandemic. That's pretty incredible. City water on our campus will get us off the well and allows us to be better stewards of our plumbing. The new organ will be a marked improvement to our worship, and to be able to reliably livestream multiple camera angles with better sound to parishioners at home and abroad will spread the Gospel in very effective ways. Finally, the TRR group's work takes seriously the Gospel call to respect the dignity of every person and to remember that the way of love can take us through dark times so that they can be redeemed by Jesus Christ.

It's heavy stuff, and I appreciate the 100 or so responses we got to the survey we put out this summer. I appreciate the way in which you have remained masked in church, preferring the safety of others to your own comfort. I appreciate the way you've jumped into the new practice of approaching the chancel to offer gifts to God. I appreciate the way you've continued to bring your children to worship. It makes me want to dance, and that's more than I want to do at the start of most days. But as the psalmist says, "You have turned my mourning into dancing."

*Grateful* Stewardship Campaign  
*Fall of 2021*

St. Margaret's Stewardship campaign will **officially kick off September 19th**, and our theme this year is "Grateful." While we have all managed through an incredibly difficult year and a half, and we still face challenges ahead, we do have much to be Grateful for at St. Margaret's. Grateful for our congregation who remains connected despite physical restrictions. Grateful for our pastoral leadership keeping us spiritually nurtured. Grateful for our staff maintaining the campus and operations. Grateful for the music that stirs our souls. Grateful for the lay volunteers supporting the community, both locally and abroad. Even during this stressful time, feeling Grateful provides us hope and a measure of peace.

More details regarding Stewardship will be forthcoming as we officially launch the campaign, but please know that the entire Stewardship Committee is very Grateful for your generous support of St. Margaret's and its mission of Transforming Lives in Christ.

# Parish Programs

## **Trust, Reconciliation Reparations Task Force August 2021 Update By Beth Kopack, Co-Chair**

St. Margaret's Trust, Reconciliation and Reparations Task Force, TRRTF, is pleased to report that 103 parishioners participated in the TRRTF survey. The results have been analyzed and summarized by the TRRTF Education and Formation subgroup. This document will be presented to our Vestry in September then shared parish-wide upon Vestry approval.

The TRRTF Historical Practices has prepared a comprehensive report about St. Margaret's past concerning racial issues of discrimination and chattel slavery. This document speaks to the truth of our past. As people of faith, we are called to be "repairers of the breach" (Isaiah 58:12) and recognition of our past practices is the first step of healing relationships with our African American neighbors. Kudos to Historical Practices members Stephanie Ceruolo, Mary Holstein, Ernie Tucker, Viki Layman and leaders Mike Winn and Dalyn Huntley for their service.

The Community Outreach subgroup has contacted our African American neighbors in preparation for honest communal conversations in the future.

Task Force leaders, Beth Kopack and Dan Tootle have attended several anti-racism trainings in 2021. Most recently the Anti-Racism Workshop at the Claggett Center led by Cannon Chris McCloud+ who was most informative. One significant take away was hearing firsthand the circumstances of racism that Cannon McCloud+ has experienced as a Black woman. Much was learned from the opportunity to speak with other attendees and learn the truth of their journey. All these experiences are providing materials and methods to incorporate into future formation planning around St. Margaret's journey of Truth, Reconciliation and Reparations.

All parishioners who are interested in learning more or joining the Trust, Reconciliation and Reparations Task Force can contact Beth Kopack at [esolchamp@icloud.com](mailto:esolchamp@icloud.com) or Dan Tootle at [dan.tootle@yahoo.com](mailto:dan.tootle@yahoo.com).

# FOYER GROUPS



## **Foyers Program Renewed for 2021-22**

St. Margaret's Foyers program is being renewed this coming program year!

What is Foyers? Foyer is a French word that means "hearth" or "fireside," suggesting a group that is relaxed, receptive, and open to each other.

St. Margaret's Foyers participants are assigned into small groups who spend time together throughout the program year getting to know one another outside the St. Margaret's campus.

To participate, you can sign up either at church on a Sunday at a Foyers volunteer table or email Ruth McKee Harmon at [rhmckeyharmon@gmail.com](mailto:rhmckeyharmon@gmail.com). Deadline to register is October 1.

**All registrants are invited to a program  
kickoff event in the Parish Hall on Sunday,  
October 17 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.**

## **Altar Flower Dedications Available**

The beautiful flowers offered on our altar each Sunday can be dedicated to honor loved ones marking special life events such as birthdays, wedding anniversaries, baptisms, confirmations, or to remember a loved one. The dedication fee is \$50.

To reserve a Sunday date, email [laura@st-margarets.org](mailto:laura@st-margarets.org). Once reserved, you can make the payment by logging on to Realm and choosing "Flower Fund" or sending in a check (or placing it in the Sunday offertory plate) made out to "St. Margaret's Church" with "Flower Fund" in the memo line. Your dedication will be posted in the service bulletins.

## Faith & Fellowship

**Mondays**

**Starting October 11**

### Schedule

Children/Youth Music - TBD

Fellowship Dinner @ 6:15

Youth Group - 7 p.m.

Adult Formation - 7 p.m.

Adult Choir Rehearsal - TBD

All unvaccinated participants must wear masks (including children).

It is strongly encouraged that those who have been vaccinated bring masks in case there are those who have or live with those who have auto-immune illnesses.



Baptism is the sacrament of becoming a Christian, which is practiced in many denominations, but slightly differently in each. The baptism at St. Margaret's is usually performed as part of a Eucharistic service, as described in the Book of Common Prayer.

Upcoming Baptism dates are:

Sunday, September 12

Sunday, November 7

To request a baptism, go to [www.st-margarets.org](http://www.st-margarets.org), click on the About Us tab at top and click on Holy Baptism. Fill out the form and email to [Peter@st-margarets.org](mailto:Peter@st-margarets.org).

# Welcome

## HOME

## SUNDAY

August 29

10:15 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.

- \*Food Trucks  
Teachers eat free with ID!
- \*School Supply Drive
- \*Blessing of the Backpacks
- \*Playground Fun
- \*Formation Registration

All are welcome!

Services at 9 & 11:15 a.m.

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

## St. Margaret's Women's Guild

First Wednesday of month  
Starting September 1, 2021

1:00 p.m. on Zoom

All are welcome.

Contact: Janis Brewer  
at [BrewerJanis@gmail.com](mailto:BrewerJanis@gmail.com)

**\*\*Mark Your Calendars\*\***

**Guild Holiday Bazaar**

**November 19**

Wish to participate? Contact Judy Hall at  
[judy.hall0404@gmail.com](mailto:judy.hall0404@gmail.com)



## BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

**Sunday, October 3**

**4 p.m.**

Please keep all animals  
contained or on leash.

# Missions

## A Note from an Endowment Grant Recipient —

Jambo from all the Super Ladies of Dageno Training Center—

Things in Tanzania have taken an optimistic turn under the leadership of our first female President. With her background in economics and community development, she sees value in foreign investment and the private sector. We are excited to fearlessly push forward our mission to serve the most vulnerable girls and young women in our community.

Your generous support of \$15,000 in grant funds this year will enable us to become financially sustainable through agribusiness, as well as train the girls and their families in agricultural innovations that will protect food security and lower the risk of early marriage for parents who must trade their daughters for dowries to feed the family. We have completed construction of a dormitory to accommodate 180 students, and quality housing for cows, goats, chickens, and geese. Our next steps are to add a vertical aquaponics greenhouse, grain storage silos, maize milling machine, solar dryer to preserve fruits and vegetables, underground zero energy cooler, drip irrigation, and azolla ponds.

When these projects are completed and Covid restrictions are lifted, we can open the campus to the community for Collaboratory days to demonstrate how these simple methods can improve harvest yields and preserve food to prevent loss. The profits from the agribusiness will provide scholarships to outstanding students.

Asante sana (Thank you very much!) for your continued support and for believing in the work that we do. It's making a huge impact in the trajectories for these young women! We look forward to welcoming you on the next safari trip or contact us to volunteer your time and talents.



### West Annapolis Pop Up Pantry

St. Margaret's continues to support the West Annapolis Pop Up Pantry via funds provided from the Mission Commission and the volunteer work of several of our parishioners. The pantry continues to be located on property whose use is donated by the Evangelical Presbyterian Church on Ridgely Road in Annapolis. It seeks to serve local residents needing help by providing food, health, and baby supplies for those unable to earn sufficient means to fully help themselves.

The primary recipients are a part of the Latino community which now comprises 23% of the population of Annapolis. Most of the recipients have jobs but earn low wages and support elderly parents as well as their own younger families.

The Pantry has established a designated Baby Pantry in added storage space. They accept and distribute lightly used clothing, supplies such as strollers, car seats, etc., and toys in addition to diapers, wipes, formula, and infant and toddler food.

The Pantry has altered its donation schedule. It now offers food and other supplies on the first and third Thursday of each month from 5:30-7:30 p.m. The Pantry averages over 350 people who are helped. Volunteers are always welcomed. An interested person may sign up in advance by following their Facebook group and the Sign-Up Genius or by showing up at the back of the EP church on a 1st or 3rd Thursday about 4:30 p.m.

Questions? Contact parishioner Barbara Marder at [scubaesc@aol.com](mailto:scubaesc@aol.com).

## Parishioner-Led Grant Information

Do you have a program or cause that would match St. Margaret's missions of transforming lives in Christ? If so, could it use funding? Our St. Margaret's Missions Commission has set aside some funding for small parishioner-led grants to support special causes, community programs, and donation drives for those at risk. Examples of grants that parishioners applied for and received funding for include: donations of diapers, and beans and rice, to West Annapolis Pop-Up Pantry, bottles of Gatorade to Light House, and hand sanitizers to Reach Out and Serve. The brief application is located at: <https://www.st-margarets.org/parishioner-project-grants.html>.

For questions, contact Missions Chair Marti Engstrom at [martiangstrom@gmail.com](mailto:martiengstrom@gmail.com).

## Citizenship Classes at the Center of Help (Centro de Ayuda) in Annapolis

Once a week for thirteen to fourteen weeks, applicants from the Centro de Ayuda in Annapolis seeking U.S. citizenship come to class for an hour and a half after working all day and taking care of families to pass their civics test portion of their U.S. Citizenship interview. Offered through the Center for Help, our volunteers present assist students covering the 100 potential questions which may will be asked as well as the interview process and writing and speaking tests. In addition to the weekly classes our volunteers conducted individual sessions with citizenship applicants just before their scheduled interviews. Since the fall of 2020, St. Margaret's volunteers have been teaching up to 14 students in a class. Doing it via Zoom they have expanded their reach to students living in Baltimore, Gaithersburg, Wisconsin, Florida, and Tennessee, and even had one student tune-in during her visit to Peru. With the successes and ever-spreading geographic reach, our team is continually looking for more new teachers. Once in-person classes return, our volunteers would like to also offer Zoom classes for those who cannot drive into Annapolis.

To learn more and volunteer for this effort, contact parishioner Robert Thomas at [thomas.byrom@gmail.com](mailto:thomas.byrom@gmail.com) or 757-408-1225.

## Light House Dinner Volunteers Needed

On the 3rd and 4th Sunday of every month, volunteers from SMC provide dinner for Light House shelter residents. Meals must follow recipes found within the Light House recipe book, and recipes are designed to feed 25-30, the current dinner need count for Light House. This is strictly an offsite opportunity with the exception of dropping off the prepared meal. Volunteers are reimbursed for the cost of the groceries. Contact Marti Engstrom, Light House Dinner Coordinator for SMC at 770-685-5892 or [martiangstrom@gmail.com](mailto:martiengstrom@gmail.com), and she will send you an email with instructions and the Light House recipe book after you sign up.

## Light House Donations

The Light House has a list of urgent needs and accepted donation items at: <https://annapolislighthouse.org/get-involved/needs/> Donations of accepted items can be placed in the narthex for delivery to the Light House. The narthex is checked for donations approximately every two weeks. Contact is Pam Roth at [rothsbythebay@verizon.net](mailto:rothsbythebay@verizon.net).

## TUTORS

at Broadneck Elementary School

Can you share ONE hour a week from October until June helping children in grades 1 through 3 with reading, writing or math? For several years before the pandemic, SMC had a partnership with BES, logging in hundreds of hours of much needed help in the classroom, whether it was one-on-one tutoring or a classwide project. No experience is necessary and you and the teacher decide what hour works best for the two of you. In the words of a SMC tutor: *I don't know who benefits the most from me being in the classroom, the student, the teacher or me! I love seeing a student smile once s/he gets a math concept or wants to continue reading!*

Please contact Fran Becker, [fran.becker10@gmail.com](mailto:fran.becker10@gmail.com) for more details or to let her know that you would like to tutor.

# Missions/Adult Formation

## Camp Allen Revisited

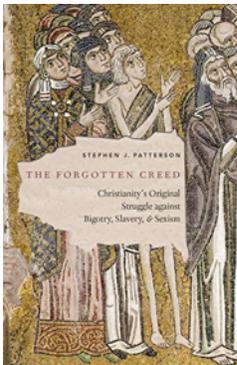
For many years, St. Margaret's has had a special relationship with families in the Allen Apartments in Annapolis, who are all at risk and have few of the summer enjoyments most children experience. The last two years this hasn't been possible. However, thanks to a grant from the Missions Commission and a vision of parishioner Judy MacGregor, 80 bags containing a new book and game for each child were delivered on the weekend of August 15th.



We thank parishioners Valerie Weekley and Christine Feldmann who provided book suggestions. The office printed special book labels from our church, and Janice John delivered them. Jim MacGregor bagged all 80 bags with info from Judy, sidelined due to foot surgery, Lastly, Barbara Lundien delivered to the kids with the help of Tatiana Klein from the Center of Help, an organization that ministers to these children. Smiles were evident as the delivery wagon made its

## Monday Online Adult Formation

The Monday online study will begin on **Monday, Sept. 13 at 7 p.m. on Zoom**. All are welcome. Email the Rev. Patti Sachs at [patti@st-margarets.org](mailto:patti@st-margarets.org) if you wish to participate.



The study will focus on the book "The Forgotten Creed - Christianity's Original Struggle Against Bigotry, Slavery, & Sexism" by Stephen J. Patterson.

A synopsis: In the days when Jesus was still fresh in the memory of those who knew him, the argument was a different one: how can human beings overcome the ways by which we divide ourselves one from another? Is solidarity possible beyond race, class, and gender? Join the discussions!

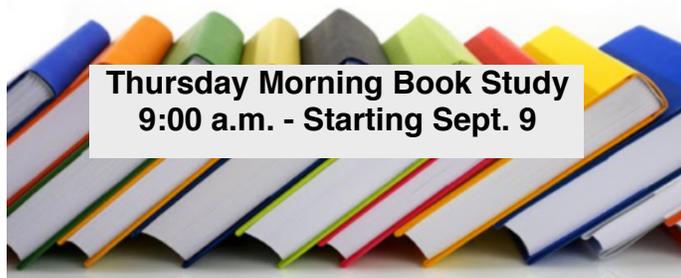
EfM is a four-year course of study led by mentors who provide the framework for the group to connect faith to their daily lives through reading and discussion. An EfM group will convene on-line via Zoom beginning in September of 2021. They will meet weekly for approximately two hours via Zoom and may meet in person quarterly. The program cost is \$380 a year and includes program texts. An EfM group consists of 12 people max, currently they have eight signed up for the 2021-2022 session. If you are interested in joining the group, please contact parishioner Jim Hall at [jhhall1942@verizon.net](mailto:jhhall1942@verizon.net).



## Senior Sessions Resumes Sept. 14

Our Senior Sessions are offered to those ages 65+. Held the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month, the program is now **held on Zoom at 9:00 a.m. (NOTE NEW HOUR)**

The sessions include special prayers, a discussion over the Gospel reading of the week, and a sharing of joys and challenges. To participate, email the Rev. Patti Sachs at [patti@st-margarets.org](mailto:patti@st-margarets.org).



**Thursday Morning Book Study  
9:00 a.m. - Starting Sept. 9**

The Thursday Morning Book group will resume again on **September 9 @ 9 a.m. on Zoom** (to start with). The group will be reading another book by Peter Gomes named *Strength for the Journey*. It is a compilation of his dynamic sermons he offers as spiritual resources for daily living. If you wish to participate, please contact Pat Hall at [pshall1@verizon.net](mailto:pshall1@verizon.net).



## Wednesday Morning Holy Eucharist

9:00 a.m. in the sanctuary  
**NOTE NEW HOUR**  
Starting September 15

# Day School

## Exciting New Year for St. Margaret's Day School By Tricia McVeigh, Day School Director

Our hard work is getting attention. As one of the few schools in the area that is certified by the National Assn. of the Education of Young Children, St. Margaret's Day School student numbers are once again at capacity for the school year. All classes for the 2021-22 school year are full except for Kindergarten which is currently on a wait list. (We have added a second Kindergarten class.)

Our 2021 summer camps were also once again at capacity, and children spent the summer learning and playing in a safe and nurturing environment.

This year, in addition to our regular curriculum we will continue to offer extra-curricular activities such as dance, art, music, Spanish, and physical education. And we have our outdoor classroom and composting efforts recognized by the Maryland Green School.

We again thank parishioners and St. Margaret's for providing us the funds to offer scholarships for students needing the financial assistance to attend St. Margaret's Day School.

## Upcoming Events

Meet the Teacher Day  
Friday August 27th

First Day of School for Students  
Monday August 30th

Back to School Night  
Tuesday, September 21, 6:00 pm  
3s, PM 4s, K

Back to School Night,  
Wednesday, September 22, 6:00 p.m.  
2s, AM 4s, Pre-K

Open House for prospective families  
Wednesday, Oct. 13  
9:00am-11:30 a.m.



## Kindergarten Graduation



## Summer Camp Photos



## Welcome, Emily!

Emily DelSordo, a four-year member of St. Margaret's Church, has been named Children's Formation Coordinator. She brings new energy and passion to our children's programs, including Children's Chapel and Sunday School.



Emily has been organizing Children's Chapel for the 9:00 a.m. service for the last three years. She has volunteered for Vacation Bible School many times, and is excited to use her experiences from teaching and coaching to organize and grow the programs for families offered at St. Margaret's.

Emily is usually in church with her husband Alex and kids Grace, Graham and Oliver on Sundays, and enjoys rowing, traveling, and walking their dog Stella in her free time.

Emily has already hit the ground running with new ideas such as playground playdates and a fun Halloween Sunday activity.

For your child to participate in any one of these activities, please register on our website at [www.st-margarets.org](http://www.st-margarets.org) (look for the link on the middle of the homepage). Or go to page 11 and 12 of this Spire.

**Parents/Adult participation is a MUST** - We are in search of more volunteers for Sunday School and Children's Chapel. In Children's Chapel we are in need of musicians who can play simple Bible/Sunday School songs to go along with the lesson. In Sunday School, Emily is forming teams of teachers to spread the work and commitment, especially for the younger ages. These would also be great opportunities for high school students! Please contact Emily at [emily@st-margarets.org](mailto:emily@st-margarets.org) if you are interested in volunteering.

If you wish to learn more about our children's formation programs or wish to volunteer to support this important ministry, contact Emily at [emily@st-margarets.org](mailto:emily@st-margarets.org).

### **Sunday School**

PreK (ages 3-4)

Grades K-1

Grades 2-3

Grades 4-5

Middle School - Grades 6-8

Children should be masked

**Open House on Sunday, Oct. 3**

**10:15 to 11:00 a.m.**

**First Sunday of Sunday School, Oct. 10**

### **Children's Chapel**

9:00 a.m. Service for ages 3-7

Starting Oct. 3

Children leave the sanctuary behind the cross led by an acolyte through the center aisle during the hymn before the sermon. Children will be led in a telling of the Gospel story and singing songs to God. The location is in the All Saints Lounge in the Annex, the building connected to the sanctuary on the bottom floor. Participants will return to their families at the passing of the Peace. Children should be masked.

### **Music Opportunities**

5:30 to 6:20 p.m.

Children's Choruses

(Grades K-2, 3-5 and middle/high school)

Rehearsals on Monday PM - Date TBD

Contact: [Music@st-margarets.org](mailto:Music@st-margarets.org)

### **Acolyting**

An acolyte can **assist in worship** by carrying a processional cross, lighting candles, holding the Gospel book, holding candles or "torches," assisting a priest set up and clean up at the altar, handing the offering plates to ushers, and many other duties. Contact is Julie Svendsen at [jullesannap@gmail.com](mailto:jullesannap@gmail.com).

## A Safe and Welcoming Place

By Jeff Conover, Youth Ministries Leader

Hello, St. Margaret's youth and parents! And a very special welcome and "hello" to our new sixth graders! We love to welcome newcomers to Youth Group. We treasure the friendships we have already established, but we always get excited to expand our circle! Rest assured the group is a very safe and welcoming space. One of the best things about it is that there is always more room! It's kind of magical that way. Hopefully, this note will provide you all the information you need if you are new to the Group and will be a good reminder to you veterans.



Sophia and Austin Canuel assist in worship as acolytes in the outdoors this Spring.

Almost any other year when I'd write the words, "Here we go again," I'd be talking about the start of the school year and the whirlwind of planned activities. But this year, you all know what I mean.

As you have all heard by now, St. Margaret's has had to push back in-person children's and youth activities, along with just about everything else, for a month. We are all sick and tired of the pandemic, and the fear and changes it brings. However, the good news is we all know what we need to do to keep ourselves safe. I've been watching the numbers creep all summer, and while I was planning and hoping for more opportunities to bring us together. It looks like we continue with the same schedule over Zoom that we followed last year for at least a little while.

In general, all our **Zoom meetings on Mondays** follow the same general format. I do NOT set up a standing meeting, and that is for security purposes. (I tend to be strict about that sort of thing.) Each time we are scheduled to meet, I **will send out a link to everyone at 7 p.m.** All meetings last for at least one hour – sometimes we hang out a bit longer, but the schedule is for one hour. To refresh everyone's memory:

**\*Mondays are our Faith & Fellowship meetings**, and all grades participate. All our meetings, and this is no exception, start with a bit of sharing what is happening in our lives. We call it "Highs & Lows," but it really is sharing what is important to participants at that moment. We have found this to be one of the most important parts of our meetings, whether we meet on-line or in-person. Following that, we play games. Finally, all our meetings end with a prayer. We will talk about prayer and try to take the "weirdness" out of it, and then everyone will get a chance to practice group prayer at some point during the year at least once.

**\*Wednesdays are the day we designate for all Middle School students.** A brief note here – EVERYONE is invited to come to any and all of the meetings. Wednesday is the day I use to hold some discussions of some importance and foundational on the Bible and Church knowledge. We explore what faith means and looks like, and we demystify church services. It is my hope that by High School, our students "understand church," and are ready to begin taking an even more active role in our parish. I do not lecture. I only guide. We discuss and learn together as we develop our personal faith.

**\*Thursdays are for High School meetings**, but as I said above, everyone is welcome. Thursdays we begin one half-hour later, meeting from 7:30 p.m. until 8:30. These discussions often have a more topical flavor, and we look at what is happening in our world through our Christian eyes.



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### Children and Youth Formation 2021-2022 Registration Form

**We seek to provide age-appropriate Christian formation programs that emphasize:**

- Bible study, the Episcopal faith, and our mission and ministry in the world;
- Development of a personal relationship with God;
- A safe, creative and holistic environment to openly discuss religion & important issues; &
- Development of a bond with other youth, the church and our parish community.

**(One form per child)**

Child's Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Education \_\_\_\_\_

Are they Baptized Yes [ ] No [ ] If not, would you like to schedule a baptism? \_\_\_\_\_

Special information about your child (i.e. allergies, medications, special needs, food needs etc.):  
\_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian 1 Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (work) \_\_\_\_\_ (cell) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian 2 Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address (if different): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (work) \_\_\_\_\_ (cell) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Pledge of Commitment:**

With this registration, I (we) accept our commitment to the Christian formation of our child. We recognize the necessity of and pledge to support our children's regular attendance to ensure the full benefit of St. Margaret's formation programs.

Parent / Guardian signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please understand that photos from church programs and events including children might be shared on the St. Margaret's website, in the parish newsletter, and in the church's social media accounts. Names of children are never published. If you have a concern, contact Laura Tayman at [laura@st-margarets.org](mailto:laura@st-margarets.org).

**(For parents of youth only)** Yes, the Youth Ministries Leader has my permission to contact my child using email, text messaging, or social media message.

**REQUIRED:** It is not recommended that parents leave campus without their children; however, if it is imperative that if you must, please designate an adult who will be on campus who can supervise your child (other than a teacher) and take your child home:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Sunday School Program Registration** --select one (From 10:15 to 11 a.m.)

Preschool     Kindergarten/First Grade     Grades 2-3     Grades 4-5  
 Middle School

**Children's Chapel Registration** (for ages 3-7) during 9:00 a.m. service – children learn Gospel lesson/music in All Saints Lounge in the Annex Building – next to sanctuary – Leave during hymn before the Gospel and return at the passing of the Peace.

Yes, I plan for my child to participate.

**Acolyte Registration (Ages 6-18)** (Youth worship leaders)

Service Time:  9 a.m.     11:15 a.m.

**Music Program Registration** – Rehearsals on Monday evenings 5:30-6:20 p.m.

Spirit Singers Cherubim (Grades K-2)     Spirit Singers Seraphim (Grades 3-5)  
 Youth Chorale (Middle & High School ages)

*(There are no audition or musical requirements for participation in choral activities).*

**Youth Group Registration** – Meetings on Monday evenings at 7 p.m.

Yes, my child will be participating in youth group this year.

## **Parent Volunteer Signup**

*Parents play a vital role in making these programs a success for all participants. We need your assistance to ensure that programs run effectively and smoothly for all. Please check off where you are able to help in these efforts.*

### **Sunday Morning**

<input type="checkbox"/> Acolytes Helper (Before/after service)	<input type="checkbox"/> Sunday School Classroom Preparation
<input type="checkbox"/> Sunday School Teacher	<input type="checkbox"/> Sunday School Teacher's Assistant
<input type="checkbox"/> Sunday School Snack Provider	<input type="checkbox"/> Sunday School Art Supply Coordinator
<input type="checkbox"/> Children's Chapel Leader/Assistant	<input type="checkbox"/> Children's Chapel Musician Assistant
<input type="checkbox"/> Children's clipboards preparation	

### **Monday Evening**

Youth Group – Adult Assistant

### **Special Event Assistance**

Advent Wreathmaking (Nov. 29)  
 Epiphany Pageant (Rehearsal Jan. 7, Performance Jan. 8)  
 Easter Egg Hunt (Easter morning, April 17)

### **Ways to Register:**

**\* Complete the printed form (one per child) and turn it in designated basket in the narthex or church office**

**or**

**\* Register online at <https://www.st-margarets.org/registration-form.html>.**

# Getting to Know You

## Welcome to Bruce and Pat Hargus

Bruce and Pat started attending St. Margaret's shortly after their wedding in September 2019. Both of them widowers, they had met in 2018, and quickly knew they had found in each other what they had been looking for, so they didn't waste any time starting their partnership. They both have two children from their first marriages, and a combined six grandchildren, so their blended family has been robust and blessed from the start.

Bruce grew up in Pittsburgh, attended the Naval Academy, served in nuclear submarines, and left active duty in 1978 when his wife became ill. He and wife Vivian were fortunate to have two sons before Vivian passed in 1988.

Bruce worked for a chemical company for 35 years, during which he lived, traveled and worked in 40 countries around the world. He retired to Annapolis in 2013.

Pat was born and raised in Wisconsin, where she attended nursing school, worked in public health, and met and married her husband Ralph. They have a daughter and a son, were active in their faith, and were eventually called to Christian missionary work in Guatemala. There, Pat served as a medical provider in impoverished areas of Guatemala City for eight years before returning to the States. She and Ralph eventually moved to Germantown, MD, where Pat worked as a medical evaluator and counselor for largely Spanish-speaking immigrants. She lost Ralph in 2011.

Pat and Bruce say they feel very lucky to be together, to enjoy good health and active lives; to have the love and support of their children, grandchildren and extended families; and to be blessed by friendships that enrich their lives every day. Mostly, though, they are blessed to be children of a loving God.

Before Covid, they were active in the Saturday lunch program at Harundale Presbyterian and in Woods Church Habitat for Humanity. Now Pat volunteers at Therapeutic Riding and Red Cross, and Bruce works in local non-profits at Maryland Hall. While at St Margaret's they've done some provisioning and meal preparation for the Light House shelter. They're also anxious to increase their outreach going forward.



WELCOME

The Reparations bill is gaining momentum as an interfaith cause. The Washington Post reported on the gathering last month of faith leaders and members of Congress who are calling for the passage of H.R. 40, legislation that would establish a commission to study and consider a national apology and proposal for reparations for the institution of slavery. Bishop Sutton was part of that gathering. Our Diocesan Convention passed Resolution 2020-06, creating a \$1,000,000 seed fund for reparations. A diocesan reparations task force has been named and its work continues.



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Connected in God's Creation: Fulfilling our call as Christians on September 18, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., is an in-person event at St. Martin's-in-the-Field, Severna Park. It's a day of community and learning sponsored by the ELCA Delaware-Maryland Synod and the Episcopal Diocese of Maryland. We will discuss our working toward God's peace for all, through economic, environmental, racial and social justice.

A virtual meeting on Faith and the Environment will be held October 4, 7:00-8:00 p.m., via Zoom led by GreenGrace in the Diocese of Maryland. Creation Care can take many forms, from caring physically for the land and water to advocating for laws that will address environmental and public health. Join a conversation with the Rev. Canon Sally Bingham and Dr. Bernadette Roche. Learn about Canon Bingham's faith-led story and how we as Episcopalians can find our own way to be active in Creation Care and environmental advocacy. Learn more and register online to attend.

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry invites all Episcopalians over 18 to consider applying to be a delegate to the 2021 United Nations climate change conference – known as the 26th session of the Conference of the Parties, or COP26. Applications are due by Aug. 20, and the presiding bishop's delegation will attend daily virtual events during COP26, which takes place in Glasgow on Oct. 31-Nov. 12. Go to <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/publicaffairs/presiding-bishop-michael-curry-invites-applicants-for-united-nations-climate-conference-delegation/> for more information.

The Diocese of Chicago has called the Right Rev. Chilton Knudsen to serve as their assisting bishop. She will support Bishop-elect Paula Clark and the diocese during their leadership transition. Bishop Chilton served as assistant bishop in the Diocese of Maryland from 2015-2018.

Holy Land Pilgrimage, an in-person overnight pilgrimage is offered by the Diocese for April 18-30, 2022. Join Bishop Sutton on the sixth Pilgrimage to the Holy Land from the Diocese of Maryland. The itinerary will include visits to several Biblically important sites in Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth, the Sea of Galilee, the Jordan River, the road to Emmaus, and many more. Pilgrims will also visit the Princess Bassma Center for Disabled Children on the Mount of Olives, and celebrate the Holy Eucharist as the sun rises in the Judean desert. Learn more here: <https://episcopalmaryland.org/event/pilgrimage-to-the-holy-land/>. Contact is Sally Goss, [sallykgoss@gmail.com](mailto:sallykgoss@gmail.com).



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## Social Media Links



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