

Announcements for January 10, 2021

Newcomers Welcome!

If you are new to St. Margaret's, we offer a special welcome. Our parish is very dynamic where service is a priority, where you can question your own faith journey, and where everyone is welcome to receive communion. If you would like to know more about our church, please contact us by emailing our Rector Peter W. Mayer at peter@st-margarets.org.

Office/Service Changes

Due to the rising rates of Covid-19 related cases, St. Margaret's will not conduct in-person worship services for the foreseeable future. Should you wish to communicate with a staff member, please email them. If you need to get into the office, please make an appointment with staff. As a reminder, masks are required when on campus.

Sunday Coffeehour Fellowship

Please join us today following our 9:00 a.m. pre-recorded service for a virtual Coffee Hour. Beginning at 10:00 a.m., we will meet on Zoom for some fellowship time! A link to click on to participate will be sent out through Realm, in the same email you get the link for the service bulletin and announcements for the week. If you have troubles, send us a note on Facebook Messenger and we'll try to sort it out. The format will be a gathering welcome, then you'll be automatically ushered into randomly assigned smaller rooms, where you'll have a chance to visit with people for 3-5 minutes. We'll do that two or three times before time will be up. It will be fun, and a chance to visit with old friends as well as meet some new ones! And remember, this is in addition to the 9 am service and the Facebook Live Post-Service Rector's Time.

Stewardship: Connection. Compassion. Community.

The Annual Meeting is rapidly approaching and, while we had no hard deadline this year, we would like to present reasonable budget expectations to the Vestry. There are still a number of previous pledgers who remain silent in this current campaign. If you are in that group, we kindly ask that you reach out to one of our stewardship team members to let them know if you are bypassing a pledge this year, still need more time or if you have a number in mind for 2021. The current numbers are truly amazing, and we are grateful for the 186 pledges we have received for a total of \$895,120.



Adult Formation This Winter

Love is the Way by Presiding Bishop Michael Curry

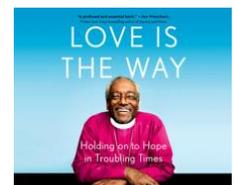
Monday Evening Book Study - 7 p.m. - on Zoom

Led by Beth Arruda and Mary Holstein

Contact: The Rev. Patti Sachs to participate - patti@st-margarets.org

Limited copies in the church office - Available at online bookstores

This winter, we are discussing this new book by our Presiding Bishop Michael Curry. As the descendant of slaves and the son of a civil rights activist, Bishop Michael Curry's life illustrates massive changes in our times. Much of the world met Bishop Curry when he delivered his sermon on the redemptive power of love at the royal wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle at Windsor Castle. Here, he expands on his message of hope in an inspirational road map for living the way of love, illuminated with moving lessons from his own life. Through the prism of his faith, ancestry, and personal journey, *Love Is the Way* shows us how America came this far and, more important, how to go a whole lot further.



Annual Meeting 2021

We will be holding our **Annual Meeting for St. Margaret's Church on Sunday, January 24, 2021**. It will include a presentation on the challenges and successes of 2020 and the planning for 2021. The meeting will be hosted on Zoom and available to all online, with video reports from various group leaders. Look for more information in Dragon Tales and upcoming church announcements. We have a slate of new Vestry members for this coming year. They are: David Allen, Alden Gross, Kathy Lang, Chris Prender, and Susan Roberts. Bios can be found in Dragon Tales and our upcoming Spire newsletter.

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Senior Session on Tuesday

Senior Sessions at St. Margaret's are for all parishioners ages 65+ who virtually meet with clergy twice a month through Zoom. The session includes a study of the week's Gospel and sharing of challenges and joys. The session is offered the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 10 a.m. **Next session is this Tues, Jan. 12.** To participate, contact the Rev. Patti Sachs at patti@st-margarets.org.

Join us for online Sunday School!

Sunday School is available for children in grades preschool-age to 18 through online and on-site meetings. Classes include Godly Play for both Pre-School and K-1. Our Sparks class is for grades 2-3, and we have a Sunday School class for grades 4-5. We also have an active Middle School Class. Our High School class is led by Youth Ministries Leader Jeff Conover. To register for the High School class, email Jeff@st-margarets.org. To register for the other classes, email Gwen@llamaworks.com.

Grant Liaisons Needed

This year's Grants Committee is already hard at work reviewing grant applications that were submitted in November. After review of the applications, the committee will narrow the pool to a dozen or so finalists. These potential applicants will be virtually visited by grant liaisons, working in pairs during February. Organization representatives will then virtually visit St. Margaret's for an interview with the entire committee in March. Final decisions will be made after all the interviews are complete. Grant liaisons are still need for this year. If you are interested in this very short-term commitment, please contact Grants Administrator Christine Feldmann at missions@st-margarets.org.

Day School Registration for 21-22 Year

The school is offering New Family Tours on January 19th and 20th from 5:00-6:30 p.m. Sign up for a tour using this link: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScAQfziT8qAXSF-eQ7OuZR3kJ27fMBVd44730qeCjV92PwYjQ/viewform>.

You can also view a virtual tour here:

https://vimeo.com/489263611/ce9a819d19?utm_source=email&utm_medium=vimeo-cliptranscode-201504&utm_campaign=29220

New family registration for the 2021-2022 school year begins on January 29. The school cannot accept any registrations before that date. Current students now have the opportunity to re-register.

Kindergarten registration is open for the 2021-22 school year. The class is currently on a wait list for all new students. Please put in an application but do not pay a fee at this time to be added to the wait list.

Registration Link: [https://www.stmargaretsdayschool.org/store/p65/Registration Form and Fee .html](https://www.stmargaretsdayschool.org/store/p65/Registration%20Form%20and%20Fee.html).

Pop Up Pantry Needs

The West Annapolis Pop Up Pantry is a drive-through food aid effort that occurs each Saturday at Annapolis Evangelical Presbyterian Church, providing vehicles with four to five bags of groceries. This generally includes fresh fruits and vegetables, chicken, rice, beans, masa, dairy, pantry staples, and even diapers for those in need. Their mission was, and remains, to support members of the Hispanic community who lost their income due to COVID-19 and do not have access to federal aid such as unemployment, stimulus checks, or loans. The pantry can also deliver healthy and nutritious groceries directly to otherwise unsupported Hispanic families who are sick, elderly, pregnant, or without another means to feed themselves or their children. To date, they fed more than 20,000 people and delivered thousands of meals. Volunteers and donations are needed. Go to:

<https://www.marshallhope.org/>.

Prayers of the People

Pray for: the Jackson family, the Edson family, Erin, Jane, Charlie and Nancy, Suzie, Joe, Jan, Barb, Walker, Amanda, Gerry, Jim, Vanessa, Gibby, Magee, Gerrett, Michael, Aimee, Donna Salmi, Bianca, Les, Robert, Rosalie.

For those who have died: Officer Brian D. Sicknick.

To request someone be put on the prayer list, you can fill out the [prayer request form on our website](#) or email/call the Rev. Patti Sachs (patti@st-margarets.org).

As a reminder, if you have a pastoral **emergency** and need to reach clergy, call 443-837-5463.